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OF THE
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SENATE.

Saturday, March 27, 1897.

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

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

An act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes relating to insolvency proceedings.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, this bill was taken from the table, the vote reconsidered passing the same to be engrossed, House amendment A adopted in concurrence and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, it was

Ordered, that the superintendent of public buildings be directed to hang the pictures of all past presidents of the Senate, including the present incumbent, in the room of the President of the Senate, in the Capitol.

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT TO THE PRESIDENT.

On behalf of the Senate Mr. Stearns of Aroostook arose and presented a portrait of the President of the Senate to that gentleman.

Mr. Stearns said:

Mr. President, I am instructed by the body of which I am a member, and over which you have presided for the past weeks, to tender to you as the gift of this Senate your own portrait, in humble expression of the regard which this body has for your ability, for your eminent fairness as presiding officer and for the courtesy which you have always shown to your fellow senators. It is the hope of the Senate that you, in accepting this gift will have added strength to that tie of affectionate regard that should bind us all together in the years to come, as we have been bound in the past.

This portrait, while it faithfully depicts the features of the President of this body, cannot do justice to that infinite kindness which he has manifested during this session. I know it is the marvel and the wonder of this body that you who came to preside over its deliberations without earlier experience, have by innate ability, qualities of heart and industry so mastered the intricate rules that govern deliberative bodies that during the whole session there has been no one ruling of yours of which complaint has been made or from which an appeal has been taken and I express the hope that as you hereafter look upon this picture, you will be perpetually reminded of that friendship, the sweetest thing in all the world, which should bind us together who have met here in deliberation during the past weeks.

President Day: Fellow senators, I am pleased to accept the gift in the same spirit in which it has been proffered. It will have a place in my home, as your memory shall ever have in my heart.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Senate be extended to the Honorable Albert R. Day for the able, courteous and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

Mr. Savage said: Mr. Secretary and Senators: The last hours of meeting of any body so closely tied together as the members of this Senate have been, are sad. We are now about to break up the meetings of the Legislature which has been in session for three months, in which all of our energies and all of our capacities have been exercised to the well being of the State whose citizens we represent, the State which we all love so well. I am glad to be able to say that I think our constituents, when they read the work we have done, will say that we have been faithful. We have perhaps done some things unwisely; we have perhaps omitted to do some things that we might thought to have done, and that is inevitable in the progress of human affairs. I am glad to say in substance what I said two years ago, standing here, that the State of Maine is looking forward with hope to a new era of prosperity. Wise legislation is helping it. The capital of Maine no longer is flowing out beyond our borders. The young men of Maine are no longer going outside of the State in great numbers, as they did years ago. Homes are made happier and more pleasant here. Life is made more agreeable and successful here, and the State of Maine is not only maintaining the position which it has always held as a leader among the states, but is growing stronger, more powerful and more desirable as a home.

I have offered this resolution, Mr. Secretary, in honor of the President, not merely as a formal matter, but as a matter to which every senator at these boards will most gladly and cordially give assent. My acquaintance with the President began at a time when it was my lot to preside over the other branch of the Legislature, and he was a member of that body. I watched his career at that time and I have been intimately acquainted with him ever since. There was a time when I aspired to sit in the chair where he now sits, but circumstances over which I had no control (laughter) prevented it. I feel to say now that I believe the Senate made a wise choice. I have never known a presiding officer who has presided with more dignity and ability, with more fairness or a greater desire to serve the members of the Senate, and as said by the senator from Aroostook in his eloquent remarks, it has been a wonder to me that a gentleman who had had no previous experience as a presiding officer over a body like this, has so far surpassed some of his predecessors in some respects as to call forth the gratitude and admiration of all his fellow senators.

Mr. Secretary, I trust that these resolu-

tions when they are put, may be adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Engel of Penobscot said:

Mr. Secretary: I take pleasure in seconding the resolution offered by the senator from Androscoggin.

At the eve of the session about to depart I can truly say, that for the last three months I was associated with you were the happiest of my life.

The pleasant greetings and your smiling faces have been inspiration for me, and your cordial hand shakes a benediction. We came here as strangers and part as friends. I for one will make the statement that I haven't seen the time during our debates and differences of opinion that I ever had any feeling towards any of the members, realizing all the time that each one of you acted according to his convictions, and different opinions were prompted with good intentions and honest motives. I know full well that no small part of our success here is due to my colleague, our honored President. I have always known him as a man of honesty and integrity and character; during this session he has shown himself to be a model presiding officer; his impartiality and fairness have been the admiration of us all and his dignified bearings have honored his office and the Senate. I have always admired him, and now I have learned to love him, and will say right here "Should you, sir, at any time be in position where you need the help of an humble citizen, call on your friend William Engel."

Mr. Clason of Kennebec said:

Mr. Secretary and Gentlemen of the Senate: We are now approaching the closing hours of this session of the 68th Legislature, and while we all with joy shall return to our homes and our several vocations, it will be with a tinge of sorrow that we tear asunder the pleasant associations that we have formed here. Coming together many of us strangers, we soon became acquainted and learned to respect each other, and I know that we shall all carry away the remembrance of kindest feelings we have had toward each other and that they will remain as long as life lasts.

I wish personally to extend my thanks for the many courtesies that have been extended to me by my fellow senators.

To our President much is due. Always courteous, always approachable, he has endeared himself to us all. His fairness and impartiality have been remarkable, and as has been said, not a ruling has been made by him but what has received the unanimous approval of the Senate. I know that he will return to his home, feeling that he has the highest respect of all his colleagues.

Mr. Secretary, it affords me great pleasure to second the resolution introduced by the honorable senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. Walls of Knox said:

Mr. Secretary: I have known the senator for some fifteen or sixteen years. I knew him intimately when he was teaching school in our town, and when he was nominated for President of the

Senate this year, I felt confident that he was competent and that he would preside over the deliberations of this body honestly and fairly, and I have not been mistaken. I appreciate the courtesies he has extended to me and to all the members here, and I feel that his work and acts will be remembered by everyone of us who have been under his ruling.

I wish at this time to extend my thanks to the members of this Senate for the courtesies and kindnesses that I have received from them, I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing the presiding officer of this body preside in higher stations in life.

Mr. Secretary, I am pleased to cordially second the resolutions.

Mr. Roberts of Oxford:

Mr. Secretary: There is nothing that I have done this session that has been so pleasant as this one of seconding these resolutions. The best and grandest tribute that can be paid to any presiding officer, I believe, is the fact that he has been absolutely impartial and courteous in his position and each one of us knows that throughout the days of this session there could not be detected the least bit of impartiality or of unfairness on the part of our presiding officer.

In seconding these resolutions I wish to thank our President for the kindness and consideration he has given me, and as this will be the last time that I shall speak, perhaps, I want to thank the secretary and his assistant, and the other officers of this body, who have been uniformly courteous and have always anticipated our wants.

And now, Mr. Secretary, that gavel shall soon fall upon the desk for the last time. Our footsteps will soon re-echo down over those broad steps for the last time and we shall go out upon this beautiful street of this fair city, passing by the residence of him whose picture hangs there over the door (James G. Blaine) and who was one of the most loved and honored statesmen this republic ever had. We shall pass along, and perhaps we may look back and see that glorious flag of our grand country floating out upon the pure breezes of Heaven. Then we shall turn our footsteps the other way and go upon divergent paths to our homes, and this Senate will become a mere memory, sweet and fragrant, surely, because of the kind spirit that has prevailed here at all times. I know that in future days we shall many times see the picture of this Senate our honored and loved President sitting in his chair or standing in the performance of his duties, our white-haired secretary and his quiet assistant supporting him and these employees earnestly engaged in the performance of their duties, these two lines of senators sitting in the circle, and the groups of spectators. This shall be the picture that will come back to us many times, and always with a fragrant memory.

Before I sit down, I want to thank my fellow senators for the uniform courtesy and consideration. It has been my lot here to be engaged in many important

measures. I have been engaged in those matters in which it was necessary to make something of a struggle. I have received from you all the kindest consideration, whether you have been on my side or on the other side, and for these things I thank you.

As a last word I will say, yonder is a land, this side of the snow-capped peaks of the White Hills, a land of magnificent hills and mountains, of beautiful valleys and streams and of lovely lakes, and if our footsteps are ever turned that way, you will find my home and I hope you will make me a visit, and I assure you, it will be pleasant to entertain you.

Mr. Secretary, it gives me great pleasure to second this resolve.

Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, said: Mr. Secretary, I desire to express, in common with the other members of this board, the hope that this resolution will receive a passage. I came here, sir, feeling that it was wise to call the distinguished gentleman who has presided over this body to his present position. My first acquaintance with him began while we were both members of the other branch of this Legislature. That acquaintance inspired within me the feeling that his abilities eminently qualified him to discharge the trust and the duties of President of this body. Our acquaintance with him and the manner in which he has discharged the burdens that have fallen upon him, I think has justified the anticipations and hopes which I in common with others at that time entertained.

Coming, as I did, Mr. Secretary, as one of the very youngest members of this body, I feel that it is my duty as well as my privilege to express to our beloved President my sincere feelings of gratitude for the manner in which he has treated me, for the impartiality he has shown, for overlooking the many shortcomings of which I perhaps have been guilty. As a new member of this body, I desire to thank him for his uniform courtesy to me and for his many acts of kindness. I desire further to say to the elder members of this Senate, to those who came here rich in legislative experience and experience in other circles of life, that I thank them for their kindness and consideration of me in every branch of business in which I have been engaged during this session. I can say to them and to every other member of the Senate that I have learned from them not only in legislative knowledge, but in example and in all those things which go to enlarge human character and to make us better fitted to discharge every duty and responsibility of life.

In closing, Mr. Secretary, permit me to say to not only our President and every officer of this Senate, but to every member of this board, that in my home by the great ocean's side there will ever be for you, each and every one, as hearty a welcome as I have received at your hands during this session.

Mr. Secretary, I desire to urge the passage of this resolution.

Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis,

Mr. Secretary, as much as I should

prefer in the sadness of the closing hours of this session, to listen to others, I am in such hearty accord with the sentiments expressed in the resolution offered by the senator from Androscoggin, that I must, in a few words, at least, voice my appreciation of the able, the dignified, the fair manner in which our presiding officer has presided over the deliberations of this body. I think there is not a senator here who has not felt his kindness and the impartiality of the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of that high office, and office second only to that of the chief magistrate of the State of Maine.

One thing which I have noticed and one which perhaps has pleased me as much as any other during the three months which we have been here, is the harmony and good feeling which has actually existed between the members at this board, that harmony heightened and increased, as I believe by the confidence and good feeling which has existed between the members and our presiding officer.

And now our work is over. It is soon to become a part of the history of the State of Maine. Whether our work has been wise or not others are to judge, but I have felt during the whole session that every senator here realized the fact that he was legislating, not for any particular locality, but for the whole State of Maine and for her best interests, that he was a senator of Maine and not of any one section. I believe the work which has been done here will stand the test of time, as has been said by the able senator from Androscoggin. Our policy perhaps is one of enlargement, one which will tend to the upbuilding of the State of Maine and make us a grander and stronger Commonwealth, one which, if it may seem liberal to some, will have a tendency to sustain our home institutions and to keep our wealth within our own borders and our young men from drifting into the land of the West.

And now I feel to extend here to every member of this body, and to the officers, my heartfelt thanks for the courtesy with which they have treated me a new member during this session. My experience, first in the House and then in this Senate in the Legislature of Maine will be among the pleasant recollections of my life, and as we go to our respective homes I think that we may carry with us a feeling that our associations here have been pleasant, and profitable to ourselves and the State. I say that every member and every officer of this branch will carry with him to his home my heartfelt wish and desire for his future prosperity and happiness. I most heartily second the resolutions.

Mr. Drummond of Cumberland: Mr. Secretary, I wish to simply second the resolution offered by the senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, said: Mr. Secretary: In coming to this Senate chamber, I came as a new member, as several have said and as several did. I labored under the further disadvantage of never having been a member of the

other House. I felt the disadvantage of that, and possibly because of that face and feeling that there might be something of obtrusiveness, it rather tended to a reticence at the beginning of our session. Sitting there in that mood, I was led to more of an analysis of the doings of the Senate, of its members and officers, than otherwise would have occurred. It seemed to me, as I attempted to analyze the conditions requisite for a presiding officer, that I saw in our presiding officer the evidences of a strong man of good presence and well modulated voice, of clear enunciation and a quick appreciation of what was going on about him. This seemed to me to be the strong characteristic of a good presiding officer. Later on, as the business of the session developed, I found that he was ruling and attending to the business as a man does who has had experience and understands what the duties are. Thoroughly and faithfully, it seemed to me, he has taken care of the wants and duties of that office, with all due regard to the rights and privileges of the members. I feel, myself, as though every ruling had been right and just. I feel that we have had uniformly the courtesy extended to us which we believed was our due. The same appreciation that has been expressed of the services of the secretary and subordinate officers, I would give expression to myself. I have received constantly at their hands all the kindness possible, and the same consideration I have also received from the members of the Senate. I wish, as others have done, to thank the individual officers and the members for their consideration. I am glad to second the motion on the resolutions offered.

Mr. Witham of Cumberland, said: Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: I would not be true to my conviction of duty did I not express a word of appreciation of the many kindnesses that have been shown me during this session. Like my colleague from Cumberland, I came here as a new member, and like him, also, I have never served in the Legislature. I have found on the part of the members and on the part of every official of this Senate a ready willingness to assist me at any time in anything that I might wish. I think the presiding officer of this body will carry away the love and esteem of every member of this Senate. I never met him until the beginning of the session, but I have been led to feel that I have always known him. He has always been very friendly to me and always ready to assist me. The officers of the Senate have all performed their duties well and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

The hours of this Legislature are now drawing to a close and its existence can be counted almost by minutes. We shall soon dissolve and go to our several homes, and as we go there, and mingle in our different vocations, I think we can look back with pleasure and gratitude to the 68th Legislature of Maine and be proud to think that we were members of that body. I wish again to extend my

thanks to the officers and to every member of the Senate for the kindness shown me, and in closing I will say that the county of Cumberland is honored in seconding the resolutions presented by the senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. McCullough of Washington, said: Mr. Secretary, so many and so eloquent are the words that have been spoken this morning that words from me must seem superfluous, but I feel, Mr. President, that I should not be performing my duty did I not arise and add my testimony as to the able, dignified and impartial manner in which you have presided over our deliberations. To you, Mr. Secretary, to the assistant secretary and all the officers, and to you, my fellow Senators, I am deeply grateful for the many courtesies and kindnesses which you have extended to me.

And now, Mr. President, as we are about to part, I earnestly hope that you may be as successful in all your affairs and life as you have been as President of the 68th Senate of Maine, and, Mr. Secretary, I most heartily second the resolutions presented by the gentleman from Androscoggin.

Mr. Hurd of York, said: Mr. Secretary, I would not feel that I had done my duty if I should not simply second the resolutions on behalf of the Senators from York county.

Mr. Grindle of Hancock, said:

The time for the final adjournment of this Legislature is near at hand. Soon we must part company and return to our different homes, there again to engage in the active duties pertaining to our different vocations.

I can hardly realize that nearly three months have passed since the opening of this legislature. The time has passed rapidly and to me very pleasantly. When first we met here the most of us were strangers, but the feeling of being strangers was soon replaced by acquaintance out of which has grown a feeling of true personal friendship. From the first each of us realized that we had met here for a common purpose, to do work for the State. We have worked together on different committees and as different measures have come to us on which to act, we have differed in opinion but have been pleased to observe that though we could not think alike on questions, there has been manifested on the part of all a high regard for the opinion of others differing from them in their views.

There has been shown a universal disposition to grant to all the right of free thought and freedom of action. I will not prolong my remarks, as this is not an occasion for lengthy speeches, but I wish simply to say that it affords me great pleasure to avail myself of this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the president and other officers of the Senate, and also to my associates of this body, for the marked courtesy shown to me; and not only of myself do I speak, but to one and all during the entire session:

I would here mention the reporters, to whom we have reason to feel very grateful for their faithful work. The people

as they have been interested to learn about the Legislative work and to know what we have been doing have been furnished the means of keeping track of the Legislative work through the work of the reporters. Therefore we have reason to feel grateful to them for their faithful work.

On coming to the Senate, I was unacquainted with the Senate rules, therefore was under the necessity of getting assistance to aid me in carrying through certain measures in the interest of my constituents, and it was very gratifying to me to find the officers and members more advanced in Legislative work so ready and willing to assist me. I assure you, gentlemen, that such favors are fully appreciated and will be long remembered.

In closing, let me say that the acquaintances here formed have to me been very pleasant indeed and not to be soon forgotten. Kindly regards for you all will ever be cherished in my memory. I shall with pleasure look back and recall the hours spent in this Legislature and can truly say I have greatly enjoyed the work of this 68th Legislature; but while we have been permitted to enjoy the session, let us not be unmindful of those who by reason have been made to feel sad in consequence of the loss of near and dear ones.

Let us sympathize with them; let us feel for them, trying to realize how we should feel had death entered our family circle.

Gentlemen, I wish again to extend my sincere thanks to you all for your kindness to me during this session and I heartily endorse and second the resolutions offered by the senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. Merrill of Somerset, said: Mr. Secretary, we are told on the highest authority that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," and yet I think that there are times in the lives of all of us when the fullness of the heart refuses to give expression in words. To me it would be impossible to make many remarks this morning. I only arise, representing the class that I do, to cordially endorse the resolutions which have been so eloquently presented by the gentleman from Androscoggin and to cheerfully accord with every word that has been said in commendation of the course of our President.

There have been expressions of surprise at the success with which his efforts have been rewarded. To us who have long lived near him as neighbors and intimate friends, who meet him daily in the business walks of life, who have watched him from boyhood to manhood, who have seen him achieve from the humblest beginning the noblest aspirations of American citizenship, it has been no cause of surprise. We expected it. We have seen him called step by step to higher positions, and we have seen that he not only realized our expectations, but that he went far beyond. I have felt, and I still feel, that there is a future of success not yet reached by our presiding officer. What it may be I know not, but of this I am satisfied,

that whatever walks he may be called to enter, the same marked success which he has already achieved will still attend him.

Mr. Secretary, as his neighbor, as his friend, and as representing that section, it gives me the greatest pleasure to second these resolutions.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote and the secretary announced their passage to the President, who then responded as follows:

The President: Fellow Senators, allow me to extend at this time my sincere thanks for this expression of your good will. When I accepted this high office to which you have raised me, I felt that I had not the strength or ability to fill the chair with credit to yourselves and to the State; but from the first I had your hearty support, and to that is due the fact, if it be a fact, that I have presided over your deliberations to your satisfaction.

We came here as the representatives of the people of Maine, and as representatives of the people of Maine, with its diversified interests, we at times have had occasion to differ in opinion. The difference has been honest. We are accountable to the people for our votes and our actions, and I think that each and every member of this Senate can go home to his people and be assured that they consider he has acted according to his honest convictions.

Let me say at this time that we must not forget the able services that have been rendered us by our Senate officers. Our worthy secretary has stood at his post almost night and day, working honestly and earnestly for the best results, for the good of the State and the credit of the Senate. As an officer of the Senate, the President has often had occasion to call upon him for counsel and advice. It has always been cheerfully given, and when accepted by the Chair has in every case been found reliable and correct. In closing, we must remember him and his able assistant, our beloved messenger and the other officers, of the Senate, going down the list.

I cannot at this time attempt to make a speech, but I wish to express to you all my sincere gratitude for the courtesies that I have received.

Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc, presented the following order:

Ordered, that the gavel which has been wielded so wisely and impartially by President Day, be presented to him as a further mark of our admiration and esteem.

The order was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The President: I am pleased to accept the gavel.

Mr. Walls of Knox said:

Mr. President, with all due deference to yourself and what has been so truthfully said of you, I feel that we have a further duty to perform in recognizing the ability that has been manifested by our secretary of the Senate, upon whom so much has depended in the conduct of the business of this body. I have pleasure in offering this resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Kendall M. Dunbar, secretary, for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, and the unvarying kindness and courtesy which he has shown to the members of the Senate.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Merrill of Somerset, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Amos K. Butler, assistant secretary, W. E. Perkins, reporter, Charles H. Lovejoy, messenger, James S. Ashford, assistant messenger, and all the other officers of the Senate, for the faithful and courteous performance of their duties during the present session of the Legislature.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following acts and resolves were received from the committee on engrossed bills, and the acts were passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed:

An act relating to suits on promissory notes.

An act amendatory and additional to chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 61, of the Public Laws of 1887, and to chapter 274, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to loan and building associations.

An act to amend section 5, of chapter 22, of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 206, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of truant officers.

An act to extend the charter of the Waldo & Somerset Railroad Co.

An act to amend chapter 221, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, which is an act to incorporate the Long Pond Dam Co.

An act to amend section 23, of chapter 79, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law.

An act to incorporate the Damariscotta & Bristol Telephone Co.

An act relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations.

An act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Co.

An act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, No. 316, was organized.

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.

An act additional and amendatory of chapter 634, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden & Winterport Railway.

An act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries.

An act to authorize the Penobscot County Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor, over a route to be fixed by the municipal officers.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lots in Moro plantation.

Resolve laying a tax on counties of the State for the years 1897 and 1898.

Resolve to care for the unfinished buildings of the Eastern Maine Insane hospital.

Resolve in favor of the ex-Governor King lot in Oak Grove cemetery in the city of Bath.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, for the committee of conference to which was referred an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, reported in new draft an act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes and the sale thereof to minors.

The report was accepted, and on motion by Mr. Savage, the bill received its two readings under suspension of rules and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Savage offered the following resolve, which, on his motion, was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve providing for the payment of contingent expenses of the Legislature.

Mr. Hurd of York, presented the following resolve, which on his motion was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

The following resolve was received from the House and was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House.

On motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, That the sum of \$50 be paid to the mail carrier, assistant messenger and door keeper of the Senate, being for extra services.

The Senate then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The following acts and resolves were received from the committee on engrossed bills, and the acts were passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed.

An act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency proceedings.

An act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes and chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to paupers, their settlement and support.

An act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending section 54 of chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 169 of the private and special laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation.

An act amendatory of and additional to chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes, relating to repairs of highways.

Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate.

Resolve on the pay-roll of the House.

Resolve providing for the contingent expenses of the Legislature.

Resolve for an amendment to the constitution relating to election of Senators to fill vacancies.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Cattle Commission.

An order was received from the House, that the sum of \$25 be paid from the State treasury to each of the following named parties, laborers and night watchmen at the State House, for extra services during the legislative session, with a list of the names appended, and was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, it was

Ordered, That there be paid the folder and assistant folder of the Senate each the sum of \$50 extra, the same as has been paid the employes of the Senate, and the secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to make up their pay accordingly.

The following acts were received from the committee on engrossed bills, and were passed to be enacted:

An act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

An enabling act for the annexation of Deering to Portland.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1833 as now amended, relating to election qualifications and compensation of school committees.

An act regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees.

An act to correct a clerical error in chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the recording of assignments of personal property.

An act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes and the sale thereof to minors.

Two reports from the committee on financial affairs, reporting ought to pass respectively, bill an act to provide for the expenditures of the Legislature for the year 1897, and bill an act to provide for the expenditures of government for the year 1898, were received from the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Hargraves, chairman of the joint standing committee on financial affairs, made the final report of that committee, that they had acted on all matters referred to them. Report accepted.

The following bills were read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed:

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

An act to provide for the expenditures of government for the year 1898.

Mr. McCullough of Washington, presented the following order:

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that branch that the Senate has transacted

all business before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

The order was read and passed and the senator from Washington conveyed the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, informing the Senate that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, presented the following order:

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them, and are now ready to receive any communication he may be ready to make.

This order was read and passed and the President appointed Messrs. Savage of Aroostook, Merrill of Somerset, and Chamberlain of Lincoln, to convey the message.

Mr. Savage from the committee subsequently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate with the two branches forthwith, through the secretary of State, a list of the bills and resolves passed during the session, and he had no further communication to make.

Thereupon the secretary of State, through Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, deputy secretary of State, laid before the Senate the following communication:

State of Maine,
Executive Department,
Augusta, March 27, 1897.

To the President of the Senate:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a list of the Acts and Resolves passed by the 68th Legislature and approved by me, numbering 408 Acts and 131 Resolves. I have no further communication to make. LEWELLYN POWERS,
Governor.

The President then declared the Senate of the 68th Legislature adjourned without day.

HOUSE.

Saturday, March 27, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor over a route to be fixed by the municipal officers.

An act to amend section 7, chapter 180, Private and Special Laws of 1865, relating to organization of the Protestant Episcopal church of Maine.

An act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, number 316 was organized.

An act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company.