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OF THE
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OF THE
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Which were read, and with the votes for senators referred to the committee on senatorial vote.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the official returns of the votes cast for Governor at the September election of 1898.

BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

Which was read and with the votes for Governor referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook,

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Augusta, Jan. 4, 1899.

This being the day designated by the constitution of the State for the meeting of the 69th Legislature, the members-elect assembled in their hall at 10 o'clock A. M., and were called to order by the clerk of the last House.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the 69th Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 143 members-elect responding to their names.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, Messrs. Perkins of Cornish, Nickerson of Swanville, Hyde of Bath, Ridlon of Stetson, Berry of Denmark, Field of Oakland and West of Biddeford, were appointed a committee to wait on the Governor and inform him of the presence of a quorum of the members-elect of the House of Representatives in Representatives' hall, and request his attendance to administer to them the oath required by the constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Perkins reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned it, and His Excellency, the Governor, was pleased to say that, with his suite, he would forthwith attend upon the convention for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon the Governor, accompanied by his suite, came in and administered, and the members-elect subscribed, the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Governor and his suite then withdrew.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn Messrs. Sanborn of Newport, Wilson of Cherryfield, Fogg of Freeport, Fuller of Kennebunk, Eaton of East Livermore, Farnsworth of Pembroke and Bridgham of Sullivan, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for speaker.

Having attended to the duty assigned it Mr. Sanborn, from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	136
Necessary for a choice,	69
S. D. Leavitt had	17
Isaiah K. Stetson had	118
Scattering,	1

And Hon. Isaiah K. Stetson was declared duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. Stetson was conducted to the chair by Mr. Leavitt, and addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I am deeply impressed with gratitude for the confidence reposed in me, and in the discharge of my official duties, I shall endeavor to be guided by a just and unstrained construction of the rules governing this House.

When my memory recalls the distinguished gentlemen who have occupied this position of great responsibility, I feel how great is the honor you have conferred upon me, and I now realize how in many ways I shall need your assistance and help in conducting the business of the House. I shall discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and shall enter upon their performance with entire confidence in the support of all the members.

This confidence and respect shown by you, in electing me to this high office, have inspired me with feelings of profound gratitude, and with an honest purpose to do what is right, I hope to perform my duties impartially and for the best interests of our State.

The people of our State have entrusted to us grave responsibilities, and may we discharge the duties and burdens imposed upon us, so as to merit their approval and approbation.

We were elected to look after the interests of the people, see that no unwise laws are passed, and to practice strict economy in the expenditure of the public money, which may be compatible with the public interest.

The people should not be taxed for more than the amount necessary to defray the expense of a wise, economical and efficient administration of our State government.

The burdens of government should, as far as practical, be distributed justly and equally among all our people.

Any discrimination in favor of corporations, individuals or interests, is unjust to the rest of the people and inconsistent with that spirit of fairness and equality which should govern us in our deliberations.

Ordered, That the secretary of State

We are a growing people and are rapidly developing large manufacturing, as well as agricultural interests, and the wants of our people are necessarily increasing.

New laws must be passed, new burdens imposed, but a wise people will never object to the imposition of necessary burdens for useful ends.

Let your deliberations be fair and just, looking towards those things that will advance the material prosperity of our State and our people, so that we shall continue to occupy our present high position in the sisterhood of states of our glorious republic.

Thanking you again for the great honor you have conferred upon me, I wait the pleasure of the House. (Applause.)

On motion of Mr. Parkhurst, Messrs. Parkhurst of Bangor, Donham of Hebron, Bodwell of Hallowell, Jordan of Lisbon, Buck of Orland, Maxwell of Richmond, and Murphy of Lewiston, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Parkhurst from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	120
Necessary for a choice,	61
W. S. Cotton had	117
John W. Robinson had	2
Scattering,	1

And W. S. Cotton was declared duly elected clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Macomber, Messrs. Macomber of Augusta, Rankin of Wells, Walker of Starks, Davis of Brownville, Reed of Roxbury, Bird of Rockland, and Merrill of New Gloucester, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Macomber, from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	110
Necessary for a choice,	56
E. M. Thompson had	110

And E. M. Thompson was declared duly elected as assistant clerk of the House.

A message was received from the Senate conveying the information that that branch had organized by the choice of Hon. Oliver B. Clason as President, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary and Walter B. Clark as assistant secretary.

On motion of Mr. Virgin of Portland, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Governor and Council, informing them of the organization of the House, and on motion of Mr. Harris of Auburn, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed the same message to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey of Dover, that gentleman was appointed to conduct the clerk and assistant clerk to the Governor to take and subscribe to the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the performance of their official duties.

Mr. Guernsey subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him and that the clerk and assistant clerk of the House had taken the oaths necessary to qualify them to perform their official duties.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Gorham, Ordered, That George H. Fisher be messenger, William J. Smith be first assistant messenger, W. H. Holmes be second assistant messenger, Walter I. Neal be mail carrier, Lawrence N. Simmonds be assistant mail carrier, J. F. Frederick be first folder, Chapin Lidstone be second folder, Louis J. Brann be third folder, R. C. Noyes be first doorkeeper, Edward W. Delano be second doorkeeper, and that the Speaker appoint the pages.

The Speaker appointed as pages, John D. Buck and E. Parker Craig.

An order was received from the Senate directing that the return of votes for Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, for the political years of 1899 and 1900 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Sen-

ate with such as the House may join.

The Speaker appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Powers of Fort Fairfield, Jordan of Lisbon, Brown of Falmouth, Wilbur of Avon, Britton of Bucksport, Macomber of Augusta, Wood of Camden, Turner of Somerville, Gentleman of Porter, Chick of Clifton, Macfarlane of Greenville, Nickerson of Swanville, Coffin of Harrington and Deering of Saco.

Papers from the Senate were passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that a joint special committee consisting of seven members from the House, and as many as the Senate may join, be appointed, to which be referred all matters relating to the Eastern Maine Insane hospital, and that it shall be called the committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Manley of Augusta, Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last House of Representatives be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Calais,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House furnish a catalogue containing the names of the members alphabetically arranged, with the residences, post-office addresses, boarding places, occupation, politics, number of seat, and diagram of the House, and that the usual number of copies be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with one copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal and two other daily papers printed in the State such as each member or officer may select.

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On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,

Ordered, That the sum of \$30 and usual mileage be allowed and paid Harry P. Hawes for services rendered by him at this session as assistant mail carrier.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Portland,

Ordered, That the sum of \$30 and usual mileage be allowed and paid Walter D. Bean for services rendered by him at this session as second doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Britton of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House be authorized to procure the services of a typewriter during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Hix of Rockland,

Ordered, That the sum of \$30 and usual mileage be allowed and paid Fred A. Stevens for services rendered by him at this session as second assistant messenger.

On motion of Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House be instructed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate at the opening services of the House during the present session.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the official returns of the votes cast for Governor at the September election of 1898, was referred to the committee on gubernatorial votes in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. King of Caribou,

Ordered, That the secretary of State be directed to deliver to the clerk one copy of Worcester's Quarto Dictionary, one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of the Standard Dictionary, one copy of the Holy Bible, one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer and one copy of Cushing's Manual.

On motion of Mr. Chick of Clifton,

Adjourned till 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.