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On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot,
Adjourned.

HOUSE

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1899.

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

The following Senate order was received:

Ordered, The House concurring, that the committee on public buildings be authorized to provide suitable rooms for the secretary and assistant secretary of the Senate, the clerk and assistant clerk of the House, in which to transact their business.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: I understand that this cunning, crafty worded order, which looks as simple as a circus three-shell game, and as devoid of mischief as a wooden Indian, is a crafty cunning attempt to evict the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of this House from the rooms which they occupy for the dispatch of their official business. Now as many members are absent, this morning, and in order that those present may have a proper opportunity to find out the true meaning of this order, I move that it be laid on the table.

Mr. Guernsey of Dover: I certainly would not care to be a party to doing any wrong to the secretary of the Senate or the clerk of the House. This is simply an order to refer the matter of rooms to the committee of public buildings, a committee which is made up in part of members of this House, and which committee ought to be a judge of what is the proper thing, better than, perhaps, the members of the House, who have not kept informed on the subject only so far as the gentleman from Presque Isle (Mr. Smith) has informed you by his remarks. I think it

would be a proper and courteous thing to refer this order to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: I wish to inquire from the gentleman from Dover (Mr. Guernsey) if this order was referred to any committee in the Senate? I understand that it has come to this House without reference to any committee whatever, under the guise of any simple order such as we are accustomed to pass from time to time. I don't know as I have any personal objection to the order being referred to that committee, but it strikes me as singular that the order should not have been referred in the Senate before it was sent here for concurrence.

Mr. Guernsey of Dover: In reply to the gentleman from Presque Isle (Mr. Smith) I will state that I have no information in regard to that.

Mr. Maxwell of Richmond: I think, as has been already suggested, that this order should be referred to the proper committee in this matter, and if the Senate have failed to do their duty in this matter, it is no reason why the House should not do theirs, and I don't think there is any member of this House but who has confidence in the committee that they will do justice to the members of this House in the matter, and I believe it should be referred to that committee.

Mr. Macomber of Augusta: If there is any such hidden design, as intimated by the gentleman from Presque Isle, (Mr. Smith) beneath this order, I don't see just how we are going to ascertain that fact by laying it on the table. Now we have the committee whose business it is to investigate the charges made by the gentleman from Presque Isle (Mr. Smith), and it seems to me that the only proper way is to refer it to the committee.

The question being on the motion to lay the order on the table, the motion was agreed to.

Mr.Philbrook of Waterville: I desire that the gentleman from Presque Isle (Mr.Smith) will name a time when this matter shall be taken from the table and presented for further discussion.

Mr.Smith of Presque Isle: I will consult with the geneleman from Waterville, (Mr. Philbrook) in regard to the matter of the time.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Macfarlane of Greenville--Bill, an act to prevent the wearing of boots or shoes, in the hotels or other public places with spikes or spindles in the soles thereof.

By Mr.Hyde of Bath--Bill, an act to authorize the Bath Light and Power Company to acquire certain properties, and issue its bonds in payment therefor.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Morey of Lewiston--Bill, an act to amend section 4, of chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes relating to licenses to sell real estate.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Webb of Portland--Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland--Petition of Mrs.A.W.Longfellow and four others, officers of the Temporary Home for Women and Children in Deering, for an appropriation in aid of said home.

Petition of Galen C.Moses and others in favor of same.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering.

Report of committee of city council of city of Portland relative to aid furnished families of needy volunteers in the War with Spain.

Resolve in favor of the city of Portland to reimburse it for the amount of money expended in aid of the needy families of soldiers who served as volunteers in the army of the United States in the late War with Spain.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten--Resolve in favor of Paten academy.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook--Petition of Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company, for amendment and extension of charter; Bill, an act amendatory of the charter of Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company, and to extend the same.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville--Bill, an act for the extension of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad charter.

Bill, an act relating to the Somerset Railroad.

By Mr. Leavitt of Eastport--Bill, an act to amend section 54 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to assignment of charter or rights under it by railroad corporations.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor--Bill, an act ratifying the purchase of the Bangor & Piscataquis Railroad, and authorizing a mortgage thereof by the Bangor & Arcostock Railroad Company.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke--Bill, an act to amend section 1, Chapter 313 of Public Laws of 1897, relating to the sale of agricultural seeds.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. MacFarlane of Greenville--Bill, an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis River Improvement Company."

By Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor--Petition in favor of the charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation and the Penobscot Lumbering Association.

By Mr. MacFarlane of Greenville--Bill, an act to amend Chapter 130, of the Private Laws of 1866 entitled "an act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company."

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle--Bill, an act providing for a State hunting license and to obtain revenue for the protection

of moose, deer and caribou.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Britton of Brunswick--Petition of George A. Stover and 133 others of Brunswick and Topsham, relating to the regulation of shad and alewives in the Androscoggin river and Merrymeeting bay.

Petition of George L. Skolfield and 223 others relating to the use of purse or drag seines in Casco bay.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering--Petition of Andrew Hawes and 49 others in favor of the annexation of Deering to Portland.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Wilbur of Avon,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that a joint special committee be appointed consisting of seven members on the part of the House and three on the part of the Senate, to which shall be referred all petitions, bills, orders and other papers specially relating to salaries.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey of Dover,

Ordered, That the time for the reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1899, and that all petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next Legislature, and that the clerk of the House cause this order to be published in all the daily and weekly papers printed in the State.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,

Ordered, That the secretary of State be authorized to purchase and deliver to each member of the House one copy of "Reed's Rules."

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle,

Ordered, That 2400 copies of Governor's message be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the secretary of State be and hereby is requested to furnish this House with a statement of the expenses incurred for printing, advertising, delivery and extra

clerk hire, under the Australian ballot law, so-called, since its adoption.

On motion of Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke,
Ordered, That the members and officers of the Legislature be furnished with express transportation to their homes for packages of department reports, in sum not exceeding \$5 for each officer and member thereof, and that such transportation be furnished under the direction of the State library department.

On motion of Mr. Wilbur of Avon,
Ordered, That when the House adjourns it be to meet at 10 o'clock on the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. Leavitt of Eastport, announced the attendance of Mr. Merrill, representative-elect from New Gloucester, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Cornish, the petition of Francis Keefe, contestant, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on elections.

Credentials of Thomas Bailey, representative-elect of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, was received and ordered placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,
Adjourned.