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LEGISLATIVE RECORD
OF THE
Sixty-Ninth Legislature
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1899.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate be authorized to furnish wrappers and postage stamps to each senator and to the secretary himself, not to exceed \$10 in amount, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the departments of state and other public documents such as they may desire to mail to citizens of the State.

Mr. Pike of York, offered the following amendment: Amend by inserting after the word, "himself" in the third line the words "also to the assistant secretary and the postmaster."

The amendment was adopted and on motion by Mr. Stearns the order as amended was passed.

The order providing for a joint committee to receive proposals for a supply of the Maine State Year Book came from the House, passed in concurrence, and the president appointed the following committee on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Chamberlain of Lincoln, Hurd of York, and Blanchard of Franklin.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook,

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The petition, which came from the Senate, of George I. Trickey and 34 others of Caribou, asking for an increase in the salaries of the judges of the supreme court, was tabled on motion of Mr. Wilson of Gorham.

Communication from secretary of State transmitting the official returns of votes for representatives to the Legislature cast at the September election, 1898, was read and with returns, referred to the committee on elections.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Harris of Auburn—Petition of the Webster Woolen Company for an act authorizing it to supply the village of Sabattus with water for municipal purposes.

By Mr. Perkins of Cornish—Bill an act authorizing a guardian to carry out the powers of his ward in certain cases.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of Washington county attorneys in favor of increase of salaries of judges of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Petition of L. J. Moore and 32 others of Bangor, in favor of same.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Morey of Lewiston—Bill an act to limit the rate of interest on loans on personal property.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Hahn of Waldoboro—Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoboro.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. McFadden of Dresden—Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution relating to education.

By Mr. Perkins of Cornish—Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary with petition and statement of facts.

By Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield—Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Resolve in favor of Calais Academy.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine at Belfast.

Petition of John G. Brooks and 24 others of Belfast for appropriation in aid of same.

Petition of H. H. Burbank and 28 others of Saco for same.

Petition of William McLellan and 35 others of Caribou for same.

Petition of A. R. Bixby and 19 others of Skowhegan for same.

Petition of Nicholas Fessenden and 27 others of Fort Fairfield for same.

Petition of R. G. Harbutt and 20 others of Searsport for same.

Petition of John G. Hopkins and 26 others of Ellsworth for same.

Petition of Elliot Wood and 48 others of Winthrop for same.

Petition of Joseph Symonds and 6 others of Portland for same.

By Mr. Belleau of Lewiston—Petition of William H. Newell and 17 others of Lewiston in favor of granting aid to the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston.

Resolve in favor of the hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Maine.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Bill an act for protection of motormen on electric cars.

By Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset—Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the Bath Railway Company.

Bill an act to extend time for construction of the Boothbay Railroad.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Murphy of Lewiston—Resolve in relation to bounties to be paid Maine soldiers in the Spanish war.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. MacFarlane of Greenville—Bill an act to amend Chapter 549 of the Private Laws of 1893, entitled "an act to incorporate the Wilson Stream Dam Company."

Petition of J. F. Sprague and others for an amendment of Chapter 491, Private and Special Laws of 1893.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Resolve in favor of repairing Sebois road.

Petition of Cornelius Murphy and 285 others for same.

By Mr. Peabody of Princeton—Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian Township.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Peabody of Princeton—Petition of Charles L. Brown and others praying to be allowed to take and transport for sale white perch during the months of July and August from East Machias river, its lakes and tributaries.

Petition of W. P. Greenlaw and others for same.

By Mr. MacFarlane of Greenville—Bill an act for the protection of fish in the tributaries of Moosehead lake.

Bill an act for the protection of fish in the West Outlet of Moosehead lake.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Remonstrance of Isaac L. Elder and 499 others against uniting the cities of Portland and Deering.

By Mr. Thayer of Lubec—Petition of Joseph M. Bell and six others praying to be set off from the town of Trescott and joined to the town of Elmudon.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Bill an act to annex Deering to Portland.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins this bill was laid on the table pending reference and ordered printed.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Leavitt of Eastport—Petition of Governor and Council of Passamaquoddy Indians for appropriation of \$1000 to repair church at Pleasant Point.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of Stephen Clark and 47 others on the claim of Cyrenus B. Downs.

Mr. Leavitt of Eastport, who was yesterday charged with the duty of conducting Representative-elect Merrill from New Gloucester to the Governor and Council to be qualified as a member, reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him and that Mr. Merrill had taken and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Merrill appeared in the House and took his seat.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. West of Biddeford, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the committee on legal affairs inquire into the expediency of providing a fund

to be at the disposal of the attorney general for the detection and punishment of criminals, or other means to that end, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins of Deering,

Ordered, That the committee on legal affairs consider the expediency of the adoption of the Torrens system of land transfers, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey of Dover,

Ordered, That the State librarian be instructed to keep the library open continuously from 8 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M., and from 7.30 to 10.30 P. M., on each day when the Legislature is in actual session, and that he be authorized to employ extra help to carry out this order at a cost not exceeding \$150 for the session.

The Speaker appointed as a committee on the Maine State Year Book, Messrs. McFadden of Dresden, Coffin of Harrington, Smith of Hartland, Staples of Bridgton, Bodwell of Hallowell, Cobb of Limerick and Grindel of Islesboro.

The Speaker announced the monitors of the House as follows:

- 1st Division—Bennett of Hollis.
- 2nd Division—Parkhurst of Bangor.
- 3d Division—Bodwell of Hallowell.
- 4th Division—Macomber of Augusta.
- 5th Division—Macfarlane of Greenville.
- 6th Division—Noyes of Pownal.
- 7th Division—Dunning of Winslow.
- 8th Division—Maxwell of Richmond.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: I wish to call up the matter of yesterday, the order assigning rooms to the secretary of the Senate and clerk of the House. This order came to us from the Senate, not for reference, but for concurrence. In the Senate where it originated it was not referred to any committee, and so we were asked to act directly upon the merits of the question. If the order had been referred, as it properly should have been, the committee would have had a hearing and then would have reported, and for the first time the House would have been in a position to act upon the merits of the question. Now, Mr. Speaker, in accordance with an agreement which I have made with the gentleman from Dover (Mr. Guernsey) and the gentle-

man from Waterville (Mr. Philbrook), I move that the order be taken from the table and referred to the committee named in the order, and then sent back to the Senate for concurrence in the matter of reference.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Nickerson of Swanville,

Adjourned.