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

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PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jay.
On motion, by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the Senate took a recess until 11.55 A. M.

Upon reassembling, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives to hear the reading of the records relative to election of United States senator.

(For proceedings in joint convention see House report.)

Upon the return of the Senate, on motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1899.

The House was called to order by the clerk.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Yesterday afternoon, just before adjournment, we elected the Hon. Warren C. Philbrook, speaker pro tem for today, in the absence of Speaker Stetson. A difference of opinion has arisen as to the power of the House to elect yesterday, a speaker pro tem to act for today, and as today we have the very important matter of the election of a United States senator to consider in joint convention, and in order that there may be no difficulty, no misunderstanding and that no legal technicalities may arise, I wish to introduce, and do now introduce an order, to cover any case that might arise under our action of yesterday.

Ordered, That in the absence of the speaker, W. C. Philbrook of Waterville, be speaker pro tem.

The order received a passage.

Mr. Philbrook took the chair amidst applause.

The speaker pro tem (Mr. Philbrook)—I desire to publicly express my appreciation of the courtesy shown me by Speaker Stetson yesterday, and to further express my thanks to the House for calling me to preside at this session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Somes of Mt. Desert—Petition of E. H. Benson and 27 others in favor of an increase of salaries of the justices of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Bill an act to establish a municipal court in the town of East Livermore.

By Mr. Sargent of Portland—Bill an act to regulate the fire department of the city of Portland.

By Mr. Abbott of Dexter—Petition of Josiah Crosby for continuance of salaries of justices of the supreme judicial court after resignation or non-appointment, with bill accompanying.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Bill an act establishing a town counsel in the town of Skowhegan for municipal purposes.

By Mr. King of Caribou—Bill an act legalizing the doings of the corporation known as the trustees of the charity fund of Caribou Lodge, located at Caribou.

By Mr. Somes of Mt. Desert—Petition of Charles E. Cook and others of Tremont, for charter to build dam and bridge across the outlet of Howard's Cove in South Tremont, with bill accompanying.

By Mr. Sanborn of Newport—Petition of John B. Marsh and 34 others of Newport, for the establishment of a municipal court in the town of Newport.

Bill an act to establish a municipal court in the town of Newport.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Melcher of Portland—Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Peabody of Princeton—Petition of E. W. Hewes and 190 others, inhabitants of Danforth and vicinity, praying for appropriation to aid the town of Danforth, Washington county, in establishing a normal school.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Kilborn of Bethel—Petition of Lyman Ripley and others to be incorporated as the Ripley Water Company of Andover, Maine.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Wilbur of Avon—Petition of J. W. Brackett and 16 others, for the propagation and protection of fish and game

in Lufkin pond, town of Phillips.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of F. A. Ladd and 40 others, asking that the law be so amended as to allow transportation and sale of white perch from July and August in each year on East Machias river, lakes and tributaries.

By Mr. Kilborn of Bethel—Petition of L. M. Blanchard and 212 others to elect fish and game wardens.

Thereupon Hon. Eugene Hale was declared elected to the Senate of the United States.

The Senate then retired.

IN HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Libby of Albion, Adjourned.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Rockland, Ordered, That the clerk of the House be directed to include in the pay roll of the House the name of E. K. O'Brien, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Britton of Bucksport, Ordered, That Representative A. R. Buck of Orland, be granted leave of absence for one week on account of illness.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that in the absence of the president, Hon. E. C. Reynolds of Cumberland, had been elected president pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Chick of Clifton, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that body that in the absence of the speaker, Hon. Warren C. Philbrook of Waterville, has been elected speaker pro tem.

Mr. Chick subsequently reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt of Eastport, the House took a recess until 11.50 A. M.

IN CONVENTION.

At 12 o'clock the Senate and House met in joint convention in Representatives' hall. The journals of both branches relating to the vote for United States senator having been read, Senator Stearns of Aroostook presented the following order:

Ordered, That Hon. Eugene Hale of Ellsworth, be and hereby is declared duly elected senator in Congress for the term of six years, beginning on the 4th of March, A. D. 1899; and further ordered that the secretary of the convention forthwith inform the governor of the election and declaration thereof by the Legislature of Hon. Eugene Hale of Ellsworth, as senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the 4th of March, A. D. 1899.