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**Sixty-Ninth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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## HOUSE.

Tuesday, Jan. 24.

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

Bill, an act to amend sub-division VII of paragraph 1, of chapter 18, of the laws of 1895, relative to fire insurance, came from the Senate referred in non-concurrence to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance. On motion of Mr. Chase of Portland, the House receded and concurred with the Senate in its reference to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

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

## JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell—Petition of the Hallowell Granite Works for an act relating to the distribution and use of compressed air in the city of Hallowell.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Petition of Edwin Riley and 30 others for a charter for Livermore Falls municipal court.

By Mr. Bird of Rockland—Remonstrance of G. L. Farrand and 131 others against increase or salary for judges of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to incorporate the Messalonskee Water Power Company.

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Bill an act to improve the condition of highways.

By Mr. Dawson of Monroe—Bill an act relating to the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Bill an act to amend section 1, of chapter 201, of the Private and Special Laws of 1854, relating to Bridgton Center Village Corporation."

By Mr. Wilbur of Avon—Bill an act to incorporate the Strong Water Company.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Bill an act to amend sections 2, 7 and 13, of chapter 180, of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Bill an act to permit and authorize the use of voting machines at all elections.

## LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Blackstone of Perham—Petition of A. H. Tornquist and 24 others, for repeal of chapter 329, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to repairs of highways.

Petition of J. B. Cook and 43 others of Unity, for same.

By Mr. Pierce of Blaine—Petition of the selectment of Blaine, and 105 others, for same.

By Mr. Rankin of Wells—Petition of Rufus Williams and 90 others of Wells, for same.

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Petition of Benjamin Desjardin for the enactment of a law granting him authority to maintain his wharf within the tidal waters of New Meadow river.

By Mr. Farrell of Van Buren—Petition of James Crawford for a charter for water works in Van Buren village with accompanying bill.

By Mr. Leavitt of Eastport—Petition of W. S. Mildon and 50 others, for an amendment to chapter 450, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to election of overseers of the poor and assessor of taxes in Eastport.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Bill an act relative to the election of selectmen, overseers of the poor and assessors.

By Mr. Morey of Lewiston—Bill an act to legalize the incorporation of the Second Baptist Society of North Bowdoin.

By Mr. Smith of Hartland—Bill an act to legalize the incorporation, the records and the doings of the Hartland Hall Association of Hartland.

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of Nathaniel Butler and 14 others of Waterville, in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

By Mr. Britton of Bucksport—Petition of Parker Spofford and 40 others of Bucksport, for same.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of A. N. Pulsifer and 15 others of Auburn, in favor of same.

By Mr. Turner of Somerville—Resolve in favor of the town of Somerville.

## EDUCATION.

By Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset—Bill an act to incorporate the Wiscasset

academy; resolve in favor of Wiscasset academy.

#### **RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.**

By Mr. Farrell of Van Buren—Petition of John Collins, president of Van Buren college and other citizens of Van Buren and vicinity, that a charter be granted to build a railroad from Van Buren to Caribou.

Petition of Arthur Daigle and others of Madawaska, for same.

Petition of Florent Sanfason and others of Grand Isle, for same.

By Mr. Leavitt of Eastport—Bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 96, of the laws of the year 1887, providing for the extension of railroads.

By Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset—Bill an act relating to the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company

#### **TAXATION.**

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Resolve in favor of Joshua Gray of Gardiner, and William B. Snow of Skowhegan.

#### **AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke—Bill an act to amend chapter 334, of the Public Acts of 1897, regulating the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuffs.

#### **MILITARY AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Donham of Hebron—Petition of S. A. Bennett and 11 others of Norway, for a better observance of Memorial day.

By Mr. McFadden of Dresden—Petition of the municipal officers of the town of Dresden to be reimbursed for money spent for caring for the families of soldiers during the war with Spain.

By Mr. Hyde of Bath—Resolve in favor of the city of Bath, for money expended in equipping a volunteer naval reserve.

#### **INTERIOR WATERS.**

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Petition of Charles Lawrence and others, for a right to erect dams, side-dams and make other improvements on the Enchanted stream, so-called, in Upper and Lower Enchanted towns in the county of Somerset.

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Petition of Manufacturing Investment Company for authority to erect booms in the Kennebec river.

Bill an act authorizing the Manufacturing Investment Company to locate, erect and maintain in the Kennebec river, piers and booms.

#### **STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.**

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Resolve in favor of Charles T. Powers.

#### **WAYS AND BRIDGES.**

By Mr. Grindel of Isleboro—Petition of M. B. Hunt and 98 others of Belmont, relating to election of road commissioners.

By Mr. Harman of Machiasport—Petition of J. O. Tobey and 38 others of Machiasport, relating to same.

#### **INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Kilborn of Bethel—Petition of T. F. Hastings and 35 others of Bethel, that the streams flowing into Songo pond in the towns of Albany and Bethel, be closed to all fishing for a term of years.

Petition of William M. Shaw and others, to be allowed to take and transport for sale, white perch from the St. Croix river, its lakes and tributaries, during the months of July and August.

Petition of George D. Bisby and 59 others of Rumford Falls, for an amendment to the fish and game laws.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Bill an act for the better protection of deer in the county of Sagadahoc.

#### **SHORE FISHERIES.**

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford—Petition of L. W. Stone and 104 others of Biddeford, prohibiting the taking of fish in Saco bay by purse seines.

Petition of Frank Cole and 38 others of Biddeford, for same.

Petition of George H. Hussey and 75 others of Biddeford Pool, for same.

Petition of George F. Owen and 25 others of Saco, for same.

By Mr. Grindel of Isleboro—Petition of Oscar Hills and 39 others of Northport, to prohibit the taking with seines or purse nets of mackerel and porgies in any of the waters or tributaries of the Penobscot bay.

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford—Petition of W. E. Pendleton and 36 others of Isleboro, for same.

By Mr. Grindel of Isleboro—Petition of R. W. Perry and 67 others of Lincolnville, for same.

By Mr. Hodgkins of Harpswell—Remonstrance of Alvah Jackson and 317

others, against the amendment of the fish and game laws relative to the taking of smelts with purse or drag seines in Casco bay.

#### TOWNS.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Petition of George W. Turner and others of Deering, for annexation of Deering to Portland.

Petition of D. D. Cheney and 110 others of Deering, for same.

Petition of F. A. Kimball and 40 others of Deering, for same.

Petition of John J. Frye and 43 others of Deering, for same.

Petition of G. C. Partridge and 41 others of Deering, for same.

Petition of L. P. Hawkins and 84 others of Deering, for same.

Petition of C. A. Weston and 114 others of Deering, for same.

Petition of 68 voters of Deering who voted "No," last spring, but who now wish its annexation to Portland.

By Mr. Rankin of Wells—Petition of J. H. Littlefield and 22 others of Wells, that Ogunquit be set off from the town of Wells and incorporated as a town.

#### CLAIMS.

By Mr. Turner of Somerville—Petition of Isaac Moore for reimbursement for commutation money.

Resolve in favor of Isaac Moore.

By Mr. Deering of Saco—Resolve in favor of Charles M. Bradbury.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Petition of the county officers of Somerset county praying for increase of the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Somerset

Petition of Abel Davis and 18 others, for same.

Petition of the county officers of Somerset county praying for increase of the salary of the register of probate of Somerset county

Petition of Abel Davis and 18 others, for same.

#### ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. King of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs be granted the use of this hall on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 26.

On motion of Mr. Field of Oakland,

Ordered. The Senate concurring, that the committee on inland fisheries and game be directed to inquire and report

what changes if any are necessary in the laws pertaining to ice fishing in the lakes and ponds in the Belgrade waters, so called.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt of Eastport,

Ordered. That the committee on legal affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 126 of the Laws of 1897, which apply to the town of Eastport, so that the same shall apply to the city of Eastport, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered. That the committee on shore fisheries be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 279 of the Laws of 1897, as to make them consistent with the best interests of the State, and report by bill or otherwise; and as to the repeal of chapter 172 of the Laws of 1895, relating to the packing of fish in hermetically sealed cans.

Mr. Wilson of Gorham, presented the following order:

Ordered. That all matters pending, pertaining to salaries, which have been referred to county delegations, be referred to the committee on salaries, and that all matters pertaining to salaries which shall be hereafter presented, shall be referred to the committee on salaries.

On motion of Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,

Ordered. That the time for the reception of petitions, bills and resolves for private and special legislation be extended to Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1899, and that all such petitions, bills and resolves presented after that date be presented to the next Legislature.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hopkins of the committee on elections to which was referred the returns of votes for representatives to the 69th Legislature, reported that the official list of representatives prepared by the Hon. Secretary of State and duly submitted is the true list of the persons elected to said House of Representatives of the 69th Legislature, except that Thomas F. Staples shown to be elected from the classed towns of Kittery and Eliot and acting as representative until Jan. 19, 1899, was declared by the House not legally elected and

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Francis Keefe was declared legally elected representative from said towns.

The report was accepted.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Waterville & Wiscasset Railroad Co.

Bill, an act ratifying the purchase of the Bangor & Piscataquis Railroad and authorizing a mortgage thereof, by the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co.

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.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

On motion of Mr. McFadden of Dresden, the petition of Eugene Hale and others and of John Weston and others in favor of an increase of salaries of the supreme court judges, were taken from the table and referred to the judiciary committee in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burns of Westbrook.

Adjourned.