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

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SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 26.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gibson of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following bills and petitions were presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Blanchard of Franklin—Petition of assessors of Farmington Village Corporation for authority to take water from Sandy river for municipal purposes.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Blanchard of Franklin—Bill an act to authorize the town of Kingfield to purchase the property and franchises of the Kingfield Water Co. and to incorporate the Kingfield water commissioners.

**RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND
EXPRESSES.**

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Bill an act to incorporate the Bluehill and Bucksport Railroad Co.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Blanchard of Franklin—Bill an act to amend the charter of the People's Trust Co. of Farmington.

SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Hamlin of Hancock—Bill an act to repeal chapter 280 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 relating to the use of rafts and floats in fishing for smelts in Bagaduce river.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Shepherd of Knox—Resolve in favor of the town of Rockport, with statement of facts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Drummond for the committee on judiciary reported ought to pass, bill an act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

Bill an act to ratify the purchase of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad and authorize the mortgage thereof to the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Co.

Bill an act to amend section 54 of chapter 51, R. S., relating to assignment of charter or rights under it by railroad corporations.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1895.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cochrane of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Petition of M. B. Hunt and 98 others of Belmont, relating to election of road commissioners.

Petition of J. O. Tobey and 33 others of Machiasport, relating to same.

These petitions came from the Senate referred in non-concurrence to the committee on legal affairs. The House reconsidered its vote whereby it referred these petitions to the committee on ways and bridges, and referred them to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Petition of Arthur T. Hall and 22 others of Portland, in favor of a bill prohibiting the issue of trading stamps.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Petition of L. B. Andrews and 19 others of Paris, for same.

By Mr. Cleveland of Houlton—Petition of James H. Kidder and nine others of Aroostook county in favor of same.

By Mr. Fuller of Kennebec—Petition of Emery Andrews and 90 others for the repeal of charter of District No. 5 in Kennebec.

By Mr. Jonhonnott of Palmyra—Remonstrance of H. C. Webber and 76 others of Newport, against increase of salaries of judges of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Merrill of New Gloucester—Remonstrance of W. H. Vinton and 50 others of Gray against same.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Water District.

Bill, an act to repeal section 3 of chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1891.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Petition of George D. Chandler and 24 others of Brunswick, for an amendment to section 2, chapter 287, Public Laws of 1893 relating to license fees for dogs.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of Joseph Williamson and nine other members of the Waldo County Bar in favor of an act to amend the powers and jurisdiction of the police court of the city of Belfast.

By Mr. Dawson of Monroe—Petition of E. C. West and 70 others in favor of repeal of Chapter 329, Public Laws of 1897, relating to road commissioner.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Petition of John D. Gallagher and 50 others of Presque Isle for same.

By Mr. Nickerson of Swanville—Petition of A. S. Nickerson and 27 others of Swanville, in favor of same.

By Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor—Petition of P. H. Gillin and 30 others for an amendment to Section 39, Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the practice of law.

By Mr. Spurr of Otisfield—Bill, an act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapters 9 and 146 of the Public Laws of 1889, and Chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to dependent soldiers and sailors.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Bill an act to amend chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1879, establishing the police court of the city of Belfast, as amended by chapter 428 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885.

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Bill an act to authorize Benjamin Desjardin to maintain a wharf into the tide-waters of New Meadows river in the town of Brunswick, county of Cumberland.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Coffin of Harrington—Petition of V. C. Plummer and 32 others of Addison, for change in the law relating to the raising of money by towns for support of common schools.

Petition of J. E. White and 49 others of Columbia, for same.

By Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor—Petition of Leroy Lord and 40 others of Lebanon, for an appropriation in favor of West Lebanon academy.

By Mr. Rankin of Wells—Petition of Henry E. Lord and 79 others of Lebanon, for same.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lebanon—Petition of William B. Wentworth and 56 others of Lebanon in favor of same.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lebanon—

Resolve in favor of West Lebanon academy.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to amend an act relating to the Franklin, Somerset & Kennebec Railway Co.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Sargent of Sedgwick—Remonstrance of F. H. Allen and 18 others of Blue Hill, against an amendment of Blue Hill Falls bridge charter.

Remonstrance of George M. Allen and 26 others of Sedgwick and Franklin, against same.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Esty of Rangeley—Petition of E. I. Herrick and 142 others in favor of screening the outlet of Gull pond in Franklin county.

By Mr. Wilbur of Avon—Petition of R. E. Scammon and 18 others, for a law regulating the taking of pickerel in Weld pond.

By Mr. Field of Oakland—Petition of Thomas Golder and 68 others of Belgrade, for an amendment to the law so that ice fishing for black bass, white perch and pickerel be permitted on Great and Long ponds in the county of Kennebec through the months of December, January, February and March with not more than five lines to be used by any one person.

By Mr. Pierce of Blaine—Remonstrance of J. W. Dudley and 48 others of Mapleton, against the proposed hunters' license law

By Mr. Sawyer of Limington—Remonstrance of E. R. Wingate and 146 others, against allowing a close time on deer in York and Cumberland counties except such as may be applicable to all other counties.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Hodgkins of Harpswell—Petition of Wallace J. Shaw for an amendment to the law so that it shall be unlawful to take smelts other than by hook and line in Casco bay, between the head of Fore river, Portland harbor and Lookout point in Harpswell.

Remonstrance of Joshua Robinson and 25 others against an amendment to the laws of 1897, relative to the taking of smelts in Casco bay.

TOWNS.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias—Petition of John U. Chandler and 20 others, non-resident tax-payers of Roque Bluffs, for annexation of Roque Island and adjacent island to the town of Roque Bluffs.

Petition of Foster M. Thompson and 31 others of Roque Bluffs, for same.

By Mr. Donham of Hebron—Petition of John B. Robinson and others relating to setting off certain lands from Oxford Village coporation.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By Mr. King of Caribou—Bill an act to amend chapter 126, of the Public Laws of 1895.

WALDO COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Bill an act to fix the salaries of the sheriff of the county of Waldo.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Macfarlane of Greenville,

Ordered, That the committee on inland fisheries and game have the use of the Hall of Representatives for public hearings to be held February 1 and 22 at 2.30 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Morey of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the committee on legal affairs enquire into the expediency of amending the laws relating to tramps, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Donham of Hebron,

Ordered, That the committee on judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Public Statutes as to require contractors upon public or private works to indemnify municipalities in which they operate, for any expenses which said municipalities may necessarily incur by reason of non-resident laborers who have been employed by said contractors falling into distress in said municipalities on account of the non-payment of wages due them from such contractors.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Manley from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Eastport.

Mr. Philbrook from same committee, reported same on bill an act to establish the West Washington municipal court.

The reports were accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Philbrook from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society.

Mr. Hurd from the committee on banks and banking, reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Manufacturers Trust Company.

Mr. Macfarlane from the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported ought to pass on bill an act for the protection of fish in the west outlet of Moosehead lake.

The reports were accepted and bills ordered printed under joint rules.

Mr. Peabody from the committee on Indian affairs, reported ought to pass on resolves in favor of Thomas Bailey, representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

The report was accepted and resolve ordered printed under joint rules.

Mr. Manley from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass on 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.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Manley of Augusta, rules were suspended, bill read three times, and was passed to be engrossed.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Bill an act to amend the charter of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association.

Bill an act to amend chapter 203, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the education of the deaf, dumb and blind.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill an act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of free public libraries in cities and towns and for the purchase of books for the use of plantations out of the money raised and collected from the licensing of dogs.

Referred in the House, January 25, was called up and on motion of Mr. Guernsey of Dover, the vote whereby the bill was referred to the committee on library, was reconsidered and on motion of same gentleman the bill was tabled and ordered printed pending reference.

On motion of Mr. Donham of Hebron, Adjourned.