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OF THE
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HOUSE.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Dunning of Winslow—Remonstrance of H. J. Crommett and 48 others of Clifton, against increase of salaries of justices of supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Purinton of Woolwich—Remonstrance of F. J. Libby and 10 others of Richmond, against same.

Remonstrance of F. W. Gould and 25 others of Woolwich, against same.

Remonstrance of William Dunning and 16 others of Topsham, against same.

By Mr. Libby of Albion—Remonstrance of F. C. Meader and 20 others of Chelsea, against same.

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska—Remonstrance of F. E. Tarr and 15 others of Castle Hill, against same.

Remonstrance of John Waddell and 32 others of Mapleton, against same.

Remonstrance of J. S. McDormand and 41 others of Perry, against same.

Remonstrance of John Humphries and 29 others of Perry, against same.

Remonstrance of John H. Trott and 19 others of Perry, against same.

Remonstrance of H. B. Frost and 24 others of Perry, against same.

Remonstrance of D. F. Hibbard and 36 others of Perry, against same.

Remonstrance of Hugh S. McVail and 17 others of Perry, against same.

By Mr. Fitz of Durham—Remonstrance of Randall Harriman and 45 others of Auburn, against same.

By Mr. Adams of Mayfield—Remonstrance of W. B. Clark and 40 others of North New Portland, against same.

Remonstrance of H. P. Norton and 38 others of Lexington, against same.

By Mr. Mosher of Rome—Remonstrance of citizens of Oakland, against bill to extend jurisdiction of Waterville municipal court.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Remonstrance of Charles C. McLean and 176 others of Presque Isle, against the passage of any act making the use of trade discount stamps illegal.

By Mr. Purinton of Woolwich—Bill an act authorizing Melville V. Spinny and others to construct and maintain bridges across Morse's and Sprague's rivers in the town of Phippsburg.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Bill an act in reference to Boston Auction Company.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Bill an act in reference to chattel mortgages.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Bill an act to amend chapter 135, of the Public Laws of 1895, and acts additional thereto.

Bill an act to incorporate the Topsham Water Company.

Resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Spratt of Palermo—Petition of A. A. Brown and 40 others of Liberty, in favor of repeal of chapter 329, Public Laws of 1897, relating to road commissioner.

By Mr. Libby of Albion—Petition of G. F. Rowe and 40 others of China, in favor of same.

By Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset—Bill an act for the prevention of certain kinds of nuisances.

By Mr. Carr of Old Town—Bill an act to amend section 23, of chapter 137, of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to imprisonment for debt.

By Mr. Gurnsey of Dover—Bill an act to incorporate the Guilford Electric Light and Power Company.

By Mr. McFadden of Dresden—Bill an act to make valid the doings of the Methodist and Baptist Meeting House Corporation of Whitefield.

By Mr. Hughes of Amity—Petition of Edwin Smart and 20 others, relating to road commissioner.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Carr of Old Town—Resolve in favor of the city of Old Town.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Farrell of Van Buren—Bill an act to amend chapter 407, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Van Buren college and authorize the faculty of said college to confer degrees thereon.

By Mr. Drummey of Ellsworth—Bill an act to amend the charter of the city of Ellsworth, relating to the school board.

By Mr. Leavitt of Eastport—Resolve providing for the payment to the city of Eastport, the amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school fund for the year 1898, on account of an imperfect school return.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Petition of C. B. Burleigh and 100 others for a law requiring Electric railroad companies to run vestibule cars.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Petition of R. W. Soule and others for same.

By Mr. Forham of Raymond—Petition of H. J. Lane and 60 others of Raymond, in favor of renewal of charter of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway.

By Mr. Suppr of Otisfield—Petition of H. C. Cook and 31 others of Casco, in aid of petition of S. O. Hancock and others, for a street railroad from Gorham to Naples.

Petition of M. W. Page and 46 others of South Harrison, for same.

Petition of Horatio Hall and 44 others of Naples, in aid of same.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Bill an act to incorporate the Castine and Eastern Railroad Company.

By Mr. Macomber of Augusta—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Macomber of Augusta—Bill an act to amend section 87, of chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes as amended, relating to insurance.

TAXATION.

By Mr. Jones of Springfield—Petition of M. E. Sprague and 25 others, for repeal of chapter 65, Public Laws of 1895, relating to State taxes on organized plantations.

Petition of Charles Boyce and 7 others of Lakeville Plantation, for same.

Petition of W. H. Lamb and 23 others of Webster Plantation, for same.

Petition of F. W. Hanscom and 3 others, of Reed Plantation, for same.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Gentleman of Porter—Petition of Newton Clough and 18 others, members of G. A. R. Post, No. 160, in favor of a better observance of Memorial day.

By Mr. Field of Oakland—Bill an act to exempt soldiers from paying a poll tax.

By Mr. Tyler of Bradley—Resolve in favor of the University of Maine.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias—Bill an act to regulate the tolls of the Machias Boom.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Jones of Springfield—Resolve in favor of settling lots in Drew Plantation.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Buck of Orland—Petition of G. M. Warren and 17 others in favor of a law to prevent the seining of mackerel and porgies in Penobscot bay.

By Mr. Goss of Stonington—Petition of E. P. Spofford and 116 others for a close time on the digging of clams in Hancock county.

By Mr. Hodgkins of Harpswell—Petition of L. D. Snow and 23 others of Brunswick in favor of abolishing all laws relating to clams.

By Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset—Bill an act to authorize Wilford F. Levenseller, Waldoboro, Lincoln county, Maine, his successors, associates, heirs and assigns to propagate lobsters.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Resolve in favor of estate of H. E. Eaton.

TOWNS.

Were referred to the committee on shore fisheries.

By Mr. Noyes of Pownal—Petition of Joseph L. Robinson and 38 others in favor of setting off the town of South Windham from Windham.

By Mr. Rankin of Wells—Petition of J. H. Littlefield and 126 others for division of town of Wells.

By Mr. Noyes of Pownal—Bill an act to divide the town of Windham in the county of Cumberland and to fix the names of the respective portions thereof.

HANCOCK COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Britton of Bucksport—Bill an act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Hancock.

SAGadahoc COUNTY DELEGATION.
By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Bill an act to amend Chapter 135 of the Public Acts of 1895 and acts additional thereto.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the county attorney of Sagadahoc county.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt of Eastport,

Ordered, That the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses inquire into the expediency of so changing the law relating to the organization of railroad corporations under the general lay that the hearing before the railroad commissioners as to public convenience of the proposed lines shall be had on presentation of the articles of association, rather than on the petition for approval of location as the order of procedure is now arranged.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Virgin from the committee on the judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of John S. Harlow and others that stenographers be authorized to take evidence given before the grand jury.

Mr. Smith from same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to improve the condition of highways.

Mr. Peabody from the committee on interior waters, reported ought not to pass on bill an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis River Improvement Company."

Mr. Brown from the committee on military affairs, on resolve in favor of Howard Whittier reported that same be referred to the committee on pensions.

The reports were accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Philbrook from the committee on the judiciary, on bill an act to prevent the wearing of boots or shoes in hotels or other public places with spikes or spindles in the soles thereof, reported ought to pass in new draft bill an act to prevent the wearing of spike boots or shoes in public places.

Same gentleman from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

Mr. Merrill from same committee, reported same on bill an act to authorize the Skowhegan Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

Mr. Harris from same committee, reported same on bill an act to amend

Section 6 of Chapter 156 of the Public laws of 1895, entitled "An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes relating to intelligence offices."

Mr. Manley from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill "an act to incorporate the Brownville Water Company.

Mr. Morey from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes relating to licenses to sell real estate.

Mr. Reed from the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill an act to amend Chapter 491 of the Private Laws of the year 1893.

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

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoboro.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine hospital for the insane.

Resolve for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the proper enforcement of the inland fish and games laws.

Resolve to provide means for examination of claims for State pensions.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian township, Washington county.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Bailey, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Mosher of Rome, Petition of F. C. Foster and 24 others relating to ice fishing on Great and Long ponds in Kennebec county referred in the House, January 31, to the committee on legal affairs, was re-considered and the petition referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan,

Adjourned.