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HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 3, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Lewis of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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On motion by Mr. Manley of Augusta, the House reconsidered the vote whereby it concurred with the Senate in referring to the committee on towns the petition of the selectmen of Phippsburg, relating to certain islands in Casco bay, and referred the same to the judiciary committee.

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred, those of a private nature being presented under suspension of the rule limiting the time for their reception to February 1st:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. West of Biddeford—Bill an act for the better preservation of early records.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Weed of Monticello—Petition of Freeman L. Small and 43 others of Ludlow, in favor of repeal of chapter 329, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the repair of highways.

Petition of A. M. Stackpole and 43 others of Bridgewater, in favor of same.

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Petition of F. B. Morris and 22 others for an amendment to section 2, chapter 287, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to license fee on dogs.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover-Petition of Frank Bigelow and others for same.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Bill an act to provide for sprinkling streets in the city of Deering.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Bill an act amendatory of chapter 287, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Spurr of Otisfield—Petition of W. W. Hamlin and 175 others of Otisfield, in favor of charter for a street railway from Gorham through Standish, Windham, Raymond to Casco village.

Petition of S. E. Davis and 85 others of Casco, in favor of same.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Petition of Joseph G. Bodge and 78 others of Gorham, in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of Lemuel Lane and 44 others of Westbrook, in favor of same.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Petition of Arthur C. Perry and 68 others of Presque Isle, that the Caribou and Van Buren Railroad Company be subrogated to the rights and privileges of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company between Caribou and Van Buren.

MANUFACTURES.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Bill an act to create a lien upon monumental work.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias—Petition of John K. Ames and others for extension of charter of Mopang Dam and Improvement Company.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer-Renionstrance of Morse & Company and 36 others of Bangor, against the passage of an act to authorize the city of Bangor to build a bridge across Kenduskeag stream unless by vote of the people.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Sargent of Portland—Petition of W. H. Stevens and 23 others for an amendment to the law relative to the catching of smelts in Casco bay other than by hook and line between Fore river, Portland Harbor and Lookout point in Harpswell.

By Mr. Hix of Rockland—Petition of James R. Burns and 148 others of Knox county, for amendment of chapter 285, Public Laws of 1897, relating to shore fisheries.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Harman of Machiasport—Remonstrance of W. F. Mansfield and 59 others of Jonesport, against the annexation of Roque and other islands to the town of Roque Bluff.

Remonstrance of H. L. Watts and 159 others of Jonesport, against same.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By Mr. King of Caribou-Bill an act relating to the Indian Reservation in the town of Perry, Washington county:

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield-Resolve to reimburse F. I. Campbell, treasurer of the town of Cherryfield, for money paid to State pensioners.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Melcher of Portland—Bill an act to amend chapter 33, of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the burial expenses of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of Maine.

By Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset—Resolve in favor of committee appointed to attend the funeral of the late Col. E. K. O'Brien at Thomaston; on motion of Mr. Hopkins of Deering, rules were suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Grindel of Islesboro, Ordered, That the committee on shore fisheries be requested to return to me an act to regulate the taking of lobsters off the coast of Maine; said act having been introduced by me January 20, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That the committee on sea shore fisheries return to me an act to authorize Wilfred F. Levensaler to propogate lobsters; said act having been introduced by me Feb. 1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Guernsey from the committee on legal affairs, on bill an act to amend section 23, of chapter 137, of the Public Lawsc of 1887, relating to imprisonment for debt, reported that same be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Hix from the committee on financial affairs, on resolve in favor of the city of Old Town, reported that same be referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. Daigle from the committee on ways and bridges, on petition of Samuel D. Wyman and 11 others, also petition of A. H. Lailer and 38 others, that the present road commissioner law be repealed, reported that the petition be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on petition of C. S. Lougee and 53 others.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on petition of N. L. Woodman and 40 others.

Mr. Chase from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill an act establishing a town

council in the town of Skowhegan, for municipal purposes.

The reports were accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Webb from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend subdivision vii of section 1, of chapter 18, of the laws of 1895, relating to insurance.

Pending acceptance the report was tabled and bill ordered printed on motion of Mr. Morey of Lewiston.

Mr. Sanborn from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act to establish a municipal court in the town of Newport.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill an act to amend Chapter 450, Privalte Laws of 1893, relating to school board of Eastport.

Mr. Tyler from the committee on State lands and State roads, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of Charles T. Powers.

Mr. Blackstone from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title, resolve in favor of repairing a road leading from Van Buren to Caribou, Aroostook county, at a point near Cyr plantation leading to Conner plantation.

Mr. Melcher from the committee on pensions, on bill an act to provide State pensions for the soldiers and sailors in the late war with Spain reported ought to pass in new draft bill an act to amend Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes relating to State pensions.

Mr. Fitz from same committee, on resolve in favor of Howard Whittier reported ought to pass in new draft resolve to pay to Howard Whittier of Mt. Vernon in the county of Kennebec, a pension of \$2 per month.

Mr. Harris from the Androscoggin county delegation, on bill an act to fix the salary of the register of probate for Androscoggin county, reported that the delegation recommend that the bill be referred to the committee on salaries, and unanimously recommend that the salary be fixed at \$1000.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and pedlers. On motion by Mr. Chase of Portland, this bill was laid on the table pending first reading.

Bill an act to amend Section 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, as amended by Chapter 344 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, relating to the Rockland and Vinalhaven Telegraph and Telephone Comany.

Bill an act for the better protection of deer in the counties of Cumberland, York and Sagadahoc.

Bill an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 96 of the laws of the year 1887, providing for the extension of railroads.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 334 of the Public Acts of 1897, regulating the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuffs.

On motion by Mr. Virgin of Portland, this bill was recommitted to the committee to gran't further hearing.

Bill an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 436 of the Special Laws of 1834 entitled "an act to incorporate the city of Bangor, approved February 12, 1834."

Resolve to enable the county of Aroostook to refund its debt.

Resolve in favor of the Home for Friendless Boys in Deering.

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

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Bill an act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 458 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897 entitled "an act to incorporate the Northern Development Company."

Was reported from the committee on billsinthethird reading, Senate amendment A adopted in concurrence, bill read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 350 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897 relating to the erection and maintenance of booms in the Penobscot river.

Bill an act to authorize the Skowhegan Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

Bill an act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes relating to licenses to sell real estate.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

Bill an act to prevent the wearing of spike boots or shoes in public places.

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."

Bil an act to incorporate the Brownville Water Company.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 491 of the Private Laws of the year 1893.

Was reported from same commtitee and pending third reading, tabled on motion of Mr. Reed of Roxbury.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

Bill an act to authorize the Webster Woolen Company to supply the village of Sabattus with water for municipal purposes.

An act to incorporate the Manufacturers' Trust Company.

On motion by Mr. Libbey of South Berwick,

Adjourned.