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

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Merrill, for the committee on financial affairs, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of portraits of the past presiding officers of the State Senate.

Mr. Whitehouse, for the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass, bill an act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Co.

Mr. Blanchard, for the committee on education, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers, and the distribution of educational documents.

Mr. Blanchard, for the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported ought to pass, bill an act to repeal so much of section 5 of chapter 30, R. S., as relates to bounty on bears.

Mr. Weeks, for the committee on library, having had under consideration estimates and appropriations for the Maine State library for the years 1899 and 1900, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of the Maine State library for the years 1899 and 1900.

The reports were severally accepted and matters tabled for printing under joint rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Bill an act to amend chapter 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 Company.

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 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.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, a message was sent to the Governor, requesting the return to the Senate of House document No. 9, resolve in favor of roads in Indian Township, Washington county.

The resolve being returned to the Senate, upon motion by Mr. Weeks, the vote was reconsidered whereby it was finally passed, and it was laid upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Jones of Penobscot, Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ringold of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

Bill an act to authorize the town of Damariscotta to fund its indebtedness at maturity and to issue new bonds.

Bill an act to amend section 25, of chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of clams and shell fish.

Resolve in favor of a road in Jerusalem Plantation

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred, matters of a private nature being introduced under suspension of the rule limiting the same to February 1:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Harris of Auburn—Petition of E. B. Bray and 42 others of Auburn, against the giving away of trading stamps and other similar devices.

By Mr. Merrill of New Gloucester—Petition of I. N. Avery and others of Ellsworth, for an act to amend the present ballot law.

Petition of Omar G. Harris of Waldo, for same.

Petition of H. H. Lamson of Freedom, for same.

Petition of J. D. Remick of Trenton, for same.

Petition of James A. Staples of Ellsworth, for same.

Petition of L. C. Poor of Searsmont, for same.

Petition of E. E. Brady of Ellsworth, for same.

Petition of Peter Harmon of Thordike, for same.

By Mr. Parker of Glenburn—Remonstrance of the merchants of Hermon, against the so-called stamp bill.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to amend sections 1 and 2, of chapter 119, of the Revised Statutes, relating to offences against habitations and other buildings.

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska—Bill an act relating to attorneys at law.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Libby of Albion—Petition of Lock J. Randall and 29 others of China,

relating to repairs of highways.

By Mr. Dunning of Winslow—Petition of W. V. Totman and 10 others of Clinton, relating to same.

By Mr. Jellison of Surry—Petition of Solon A. Long and 25 others of East Bluehill, in favor of abolishing the draw in bridge across foot of Salt pond in the town of Bluehill.

By Mr. Rowell of Solon—Petition of the selectmen of Athens and 24 others, for the passage of a law that paupers in plantations shall be cared for by the county commissioners.

By Mr. Reed of Roxbury—Petition of William M. Kidder and 24 others of Dixfield, that the Dixfield Fire Engine Company may own real estate to the value not to exceed \$1000.

By Mr. Bennett of Hollis—Petition of the Congregational parish of Buxton, an act enabling said society to expend the interest of its ministerial fund.

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Petition of H. L. Davis and others relating to license fees on dogs.

By Mr. Dunning of Winslow—Remonstrance of Manly Morrison and 25 others of Clinton, against creating the office of State highway engineer.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias—Petition of H. T. Harding and 13 others of East Machias, for the location of a Normal school at Machias.

Petition of E. H. Bryant and 131 others of Machias, for same.

Petition of W. E. Tupper and 15 others of Jonesboro, for same.

Petition of W. M. Flynn and 21 others of Whitneyville, for same.

By Mr. Hariman of Machiasport—Petition of W. C. Hanson and 30 others of Machiasport, for same.

By Mr. Drummey of Ellsworth—Petition of F. S. Call and 68 others, for an amendment to the law so that it shall be the duty of all school boards to provide pupils with the necessary means of studying physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks upon the human system.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Petition of C. S. Stetson and 26 others of Greene, in favor of an act requiring railroad corporations of this State to

issue mileage books at two cents per mile, good to bearer.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of Fred A. Libby and 86 others of Westbrook, for same.

Petition of J. P. Ricker and 24 others of Westbrook, for same.

Petition of Charles A. Moses and 151 others of Westbrook, for same.

Petition of George T. Springer and 23 others of Westbrook, for same.

By Mr. Cartret of Baldwin—Petition of Mark Coolbroth and 32 others of Standish, for same.

By Mr. Wilson of Minot—Petition of Edwin Woodside and 34 others of Webster, for same.

By Mr. Pierce of Blaine—Petition of M. E. Ingraham and 50 others of Mapleton, for same.

By Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield—Petition of Arthur T. Libbey and 81 others of Fort Fairfield, for same.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Petition of J. F. Jeffords and 67 others of East Livermore, for same.

By Mr. Sargent of Sedgwick—Petition of E. S. Drew and 34 others of Sedgwick, for same.

By Mr. Bryant of Knox—Petition of M. T. Dodge and 32 others of Troy, for same

By Mr. Forhan of Raymond—Petition of H. J. Lane and 36 others of Raymond, for same

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Petition of A. H. Hariman and 117 others of Bridgton, for same.

By Mr. Prince of Yarmouth—Petition of James Lawrence and 35 others of North Yarmouth, for same.

By Mr. Farrell of Van Buren—Petition of Thomas Keegan and others of Hamlin, for same.

Petition of H. A. Peers and 45 others of Caswell Plantation, for same.

By Mr. Parker of Glenburn—Petition of Thurston Hunt and 32 others of Hermon, for same.

By Mr. Porter of Burlington—Petition of Charles F. Plumley and 83 others of Lincoln, for same.

Petition of Edwin A. Reed and 22 others of Springfield, for same.

Petition of George H. Haskell and 60 others of Lee, for same.

By Mr. Bennett of Hollis—Petition of Samuel A. Hill and 89 others of Buxton, for same.

Petition of C. F. Clark and 47 others of Hollis, for same.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of Edward Sibley and 153 others of Belfast, for same.

By Mr. Wood of Camden—Petition of Elliot Orbeton and 34 others of Rockport, for same.

By Mr. Porter of Burlington—Petition of H. M. Gates and 37 others of Lincoln, for same.

By Mr. Spurr of Otisfield—Petition of Charles A. Lang and 72 others of Harrison, for same.

By Mr. McFadden of Dresden—Petition of W. A. Jackson and 32 others of Jefferson, for same.

By Mr. Wood of Camden—Petition of M. T. Crawford and 81 others of Camden, for same.

By Mr. Esty of Rangeley—Petition of B. C. Powers and 58 others of Madrid, for same.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Petition of F. J. Rich and 34 others of Mattawamkeag, for same.

By Mr. Esty of Rangeley—Petition of Orrin Tufts and 52 others of Kingfield, for same.

By Mr. Perkins of Cornish—Petition of E. L. Hatch and 63 others of Parsonfield, for same.

By Mr. Esty of Rangeley—Petition of J. A. Russell and 49 others of Rangeley, for same.

By Mr. Sanborn of Newport—Petition of J. A. Tabor and 105 others of Corinna, for same.

By Mr. Esty of Rangeley—Petition of H. H. Sanders and 19 others of Eustis, for same.

By Mr. Nickerson of Orrington—Petition of W. H. Wheeler and 33 others of Orrington, for same.

By Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield—Petition of Charles Campbell and 111 others of Cherryfield, for same.

By Mr. Ridlon of Stetson—Petition of J. W. Sylvester and 43 others of Etna, for same.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Petition of C. M. Hill and 34 others of Moscow, for same.

By Mr. Nickerson of Swanville—Petition of C. R. Nickerson and 14 others of Swanville, for same.

By Mr. Bennett of Hollis—Petition of T. F. Warren and 21 others of Buxton, in favor of same.

By Mr. Melcher of Portland—Petition of Elias Thomas and 19 others of Port-

land, in favor of extending the charter of the Westbrook, Windham & Harrison Railway Company.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Irving of Kennebunkport—Petition of Thomas Perkins and 50 others of York county for a bounty on hen hawks.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Spofford of New Sharon—Petition of Fred E. Hooper and 14 others of T. W. Hyde Camp, S. of V., of Bath, for a better observance of Memorial day.

By Mr. Spurr of Otisfield—Resolve in favor of the town of Otisfield.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Merrill of New Gloucester—Remonstrance of Warren Foss and 17 others of New Gloucester against any change in the present law relative to the shooting and sale of woodcock.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Buck of Orland—Petition of M. D. Chatto and 35 others for the enactment of a law to prevent the seining of fish in Penobscot bay and its tributaries.

Petition of C. H. Hooper and 11 others for a close time on clams.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Donham of Hebron—Resolve in favor of Harriet Upton.

LINCOLN COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Hahn of Waldoboro—Petition of Eben Chase and others for an increase of salary for the register of probate of Lincoln county.

PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. Dunning of Winslow—Remonstrance of E. E. Merrill and 24 others of Clinton against increasing the salaries of the supreme court judges of the State.

By Mr. Craig of Island Falls—Remonstrance of George H. Donham and 26 others of Island Falls against the hunter's license bill.

Bill an act requiring railroad corporations to issue mileage tickets at a uniform rate, good for passage of bearer.

Was tabled pending reference to committee and ordered printed on motion of Mr. Webb of Portland.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Philbrook from the committee on the judiciary, on petition of Edwin

Riley and others for passage of an act relating to the Livermore Falls Water Company, reported that same be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. Goss from the committee on shore fisheries, on order to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws pertaining to Nequasset stream, reported that same be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Brown from the committee on military affairs, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Company G, 1st Regiment Maine National Guard, that they be reimbursed for amount charged for clothing.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to exempt soldiers from paying a poll tax.

Mr. Deering from the York county delegation, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend Chapter 625 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled "an act to establish a board of police for the city of Biddeford."

Mr. Perkins from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill an act additional, relating to the appointment and compensation of the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.

Mr. Brown from the committee on military affairs, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on resolves providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office.

Mr. Farrell from the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass on bill an act to extend and amend the charters of the Penobscot Boom Corporation and of the Penobscot Lumbering Association.

Mr. Peabody from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill an act to amend Chapter 130 of the Private Laws of 1866, entitled "an act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company."

Mr. King from same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to authorize the Stevens Lumber Company to erect and maintain a dam across the Aroostook river in the town of Fort Fairfield.

Mr. Buck from the committee on shore fisheries, on petition, reported bill an act an act for protection of fish in Bagaduce river, bay and tributaries.

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

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill an act to change time for holding sessions of county commissioners in Washington county.

Bill an act to amend chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1897.

Resolve in favor of repairing the road between Patten and Grand Lake.

Was tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten.

Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Jordan of Lisbon.

Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Jordan of Lisbon.

Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten.

Resolve in favor of Calais Academy.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten.

Resolve in favor of the Leavitt Institute.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Jordan of Lisbon.

Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal School.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten.

Resolve in favor of Patten Academy.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten.

Resolve in favor of Anson Academy.

Tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. Walker of Starks.

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Bill an act to amend section 18 of chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the satisfaction of prosecutions for assault and battery and other misdemeanors.

Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

Tabled pending third reading, on motion of Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoboro.

Resolve in favor of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering.

Pending passage to be engrossed, tabled, on motion of Mr. McFadden of Dresden, and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration.

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

Pending passage to be engrossed, tabled, on motion of Mr. McFadden of Dresden, and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration.

An act to amend chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

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."

An act to incorporate the Brownville Water Company.

An act to authorize the Skowhegan Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

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

Mr. Hill of Belfast, offered the following amendment: Amend by striking out the words "two thousand dollars" in the first line and substituting therefor the words, "one thousand dollars for the year 1899 and one thousand dollars for the year 1900."

Mr. Macomber of Augusta, moved that the resolve be laid on the table pending the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Manley of Augusta: I think my colleague does not understand the situation. This amendment, as I understand it, was offered by the gentleman from Belfast. It does not change the amount appropriated. The gentleman from Belfast simply moves that this sum shall be divided into two years, and I think that that was the intention of the finance committee when the matter was heard before it. This is a very worthy object, one of those little homes where great good is being done for the children; they are being reared and made good men and women; and the women of Belfast and other sections of the State have given their time and money and assistance in this matter and I certainly hope that this small sum, for this charitable object, will be given.

The amount appropriated is not changed at all by the amendment of the gentleman from Belfast, as I understand it. He simply desires that one-half shall be appropriated in the year 1899 and one-half in the year 1900.

Mr. Hill of Belfast: That is correct. I offered this amendment at the suggestion of the State treasurer. It in no way changes the amount appropriated, but simply divides it so that one-half is payable in 1899 and the other half in 1900, instead of making the whole sum payable at once.

Mr. Macomber: If that is correct, I will withdraw my motion to lay on the table. I understood that the proposed amendment cut down the appropriation, which, it seemed to me, should not be done without further consideration. I withdraw my motion.

The amendment was then adopted and the resolve was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to authorize the Skowhegan Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

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."

An act to incorporate the Greenville Water Company.

An act to amend chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Eastport, the Maine Bar Association was invited to hold their session in the hall of the House after adjournment.

On motion by Mr. Mosher of Rome, Adjourned.