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**Sixty-Ninth Legislature**  
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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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**1899.**

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**SENATE.**

Friday, Jan. 13, 1899.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Penney of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pike of York it was Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 17, at 4.30 P. M.

The order was sent to the House and subsequently returned passed in concurrence.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the report of the board of health, and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

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

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. White of Androscoggin,

Bill, an act defining the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Lewiston and the municipal court of the city of Auburn, relating to the naturalization of aliens.

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook,

Bill, an act relating to appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners.

**INTERIOR WATERS.**

By Mr. Jones of Penobscot,

Bill, an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 458 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897.

**ORDERS.**

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, the following order was taken from the table and given a passage:

Ordered, That the State librarian be instructed to keep the library open continuously from 8 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M. and from 7.30 to 10.30 P. M. of each day when the Legislature is in actual session, and that he be authorized to employ extra help to carry out this order at a cost not exceeding \$150 for the session.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that the committees on reform school, State prison, Insane hospital, Eastern Maine

Insane hospital, education, agriculture, military affairs, and University of Maine be authorized to visit the various institutions which they represent.

On motion by Mr. Pike of York, it was

Ordered, That the committee on inland fisheries and game be instructed to consider the feasibility of legislation against hunting partridges with dogs.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of State be authorized to purchase and deliver to each member of the Senate one copy of Reed's Rules.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Mr. Blanchard for the committee on education, reported ought to pass on,

Resolve providing for the payment to the town of Jay of the amount deducted from said town's proportion of the school funds for the year 1898 on account of imperfect school returns.

The report was accepted and resolved tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Heald for the committee on Eastern Maine Insane hospital reported ought to pass on.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Hospital for the insane. The report was accepted.

Mr. Weeks of Somerset, moved that the resolve lie on the table pending first reading.

Mr. Plummer of Penobscot: I hope the senator from Somerset will consent to have the resolve take its first reading, today, and table it later in its progress through the two branches of the Legislature.

Mr. Weeks: I would say to the Senate and the senator from Penobscot that I would like to have this matter remain as it is for the present, until my colleague, Senator Merrill, returns to the Senate. On his return, which I am advised will be early next week, I will call it up.

Mr. Plummer: If the senator would allow it to have its first reading, today, and come up, next week, for second reading, the action would be appreciated. There is no disposition to force it unduly through the Senate, but we would like to have it go to the House, today, for its first reading and come back here and be in order for its second reading, next week. Then what-

ever discussion we are to have upon it will be in order and everybody will understand that it is to come up at that time.

Mr. Weeks: I do not know that there will be any discussion upon it. I do not know that my colleague or myself will oppose the resolve, but I should very much prefer to have the matter remain as it is until my colleague returns.

Mr. Plummer: Mr. President, I would like to have the sense of the Senate upon that. Whether we are to make progress with our business here or whether we are to have things tabled at their very inception, and the table lumbered up with business. There is no disposition to rush the thing through, but simply to get it where it can be handled openly and readily, and I would like the sense of the Senate upon that motion.

The question being upon the motion to lay the resolve on the table, eight voted in the affirmative and eight in the negative. There being no vote, the motion was lost. The resolve was then given its first reading and assigned.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin,

Adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 13, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gibson of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence

Petition of Wm. J. Wheeler and Joseph H. Stewart for a corporation to be known as the South Paris Water Company for domestic and other purposes was tabled on motion of Mr. Donham of Hebron.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the expenses entailed upon the State by the Australian ballot law since its adoption, which was tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred:

### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Petition of A. D. H. Gilchrist and others of Portland, in favor of repeal of 26th amendment to constitution of Maine relating to manufacturing and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Petition of C. H. Willis and others of Portland

Petition of Wyer Green and others of Portland.

Petition of Clyde W. Pierce and others of Portland, in favor of same.

Subsequently on motion of Mr. Manley of Augusta, to vote whereby these petitions were referred to the committee on judiciary was reconsidered and on motion of same gentleman petitions were referred to the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of 14 members of Waldo county bar for increase of salary of justices of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Harris of Auburn—Bill an act to authorize the municipal court of Lewiston to naturalize.

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Bill an act to authorize the Skowhegan Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

### LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Petition of E. S. Means and 455 others for an amendment of Section 1, Chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to itinerant vendors.

By Mr. Gould of Pittston—Petition of Elton W. Allen and 90 others for a