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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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SENATE.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1899.

Senate met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the secretary.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Stackpole of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, That in the absence of the president of the Senate, the Hon. E. C. Reynolds of Cumberland, be and hereby is elected president pro tem.

The secretary appointed Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, to conduct the senator to the chair.

Mr. Reynolds: I wish to thank you, gentlemen, for the courtesy which you have extended and the honor which you have conferred in thus electing me for the time being, the presiding officer of this Senate.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Whitehouse of Sagadahoc: Mr. President: I would like to make a personal explanation, if it is in order. At yesterday's session of the Senate I would have been present and performed the duty of voting for our distinguished senator to the United States Senate, but I was detained at home on account of the death of a neighbor and a very dear friend. In order that my position may not be misunderstood I wish to say that had I been present, I should have cast my vote with a great deal of pleasure for the Hon. Eugene Hale for senator.

The Chair: Perhaps it would be proper for the Chair to state its position. I was absent, but had I been here, I should have voted for Senator Hale.

Mr. Hargraves of York: Mr. President, I wish to make the same explanation. I was unavoidably detained, but if I had been here I should have voted for Hon. Eugene Hale of Ellsworth, as senator.

The following bill and petition were presented and referred.

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Weeks of Somerset,

Bill, an act to abolish the cross-marking of ballots at elections, and to provide for the use of official party tickets so arranged and attached to

ballot sheets that the voter may select and remove therefrom his party ticket and vote by placing his ticket only in the ballot box.

Mr. Weeks: I desire to state that I present this bill at the request of one of my constituents, Hon. T. B. Barrett of Canaan.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, Petition of Jas. Augustine Healey in favor of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland.

ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Vickery of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, That the committee on public buildings be directed to inquire into the necessity of assigning a room or rooms in the State House for an office for the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, and for the further purpose of providing room for a collection of the birds and animals of Maine and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Hon. E. C. Reynolds of Cumberland, as president pro tem of the Senate in the absence of the president.

Senator Drummond was appointed to convey the message, and subsequently reported that he had performed this duty.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, it was

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be notified of the election of the Hon. E. C. Reynolds of Cumberland, as president pro tem of the Senate in the absence of the president.

Senator Weeks was appointed to convey the message, and subsequently reported that he had performed this duty.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, it was

Ordered, That the use of the Senate chamber be granted to the committee on library the evening of January 26, next.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Chick of Clifton, informing the Senate that in the absence of the speaker the Hon. Warren C. Philbrook had been chosen speaker pro tem.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jay.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the Senate took a recess until 11.55 A. M.

Upon reassembling, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives to hear the reading of the records relative to election of United States senator.

(For proceedings in joint convention see House report.)

Upon the return of the Senate, on motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1899.

The House was called to order by the clerk.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Yesterday afternoon, just before adjournment, we elected the Hon. Warren C. Philbrook, speaker pro tem for today, in the absence of Speaker Stetson. A difference of opinion has arisen as to the power of the House to elect yesterday, a speaker pro tem to act for today, and as today we have the very important matter of the election of a United States senator to consider in joint convention, and in order that there may be no difficulty, no misunderstanding and that no legal technicalities may arise, I wish to introduce, and do now introduce an order, to cover any case that might arise under our action of yesterday.

Ordered, That in the absence of the speaker, W. C. Philbrook of Waterville, be speaker pro tem.

The order received a passage.

Mr. Philbrook took the chair amidst applause.

The speaker pro tem (Mr. Philbrook)—I desire to publicly express my appreciation of the courtesy shown me by Speaker Stetson yesterday, and to further express my thanks to the House for calling me to preside at this session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Somes of Mt. Desert—Petition of E. H. Benson and 27 others in favor of an increase of salaries of the justices of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Bill an act to establish a municipal court in the town of East Livermore.

By Mr. Sargent of Portland—Bill an act to regulate the fire department of the city of Portland.

By Mr. Abbott of Dexter—Petition of Josiah Crosby for continuance of salaries of justices of the supreme judicial court after resignation or non-appointment, with bill accompanying.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Bill an act establishing a town counsel in the town of Skowhegan for municipal purposes.

By Mr. King of Caribou—Bill an act legalizing the doings of the corporation known as the trustees of the charity fund of Caribou Lodge, located at Caribou.

By Mr. Somes of Mt. Desert—Petition of Charles E. Cook and others of Tremont, for charter to build dam and bridge across the outlet of Howard's Cove in South Tremont, with bill accompanying.

By Mr. Sanborn of Newport—Petition of John B. Marsh and 34 others of Newport, for the establishment of a municipal court in the town of Newport.

Bill an act to establish a municipal court in the town of Newport.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Melcher of Portland—Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Peabody of Princeton—Petition of E. W. Hewes and 190 others, inhabitants of Danforth and vicinity, praying for appropriation to aid the town of Danforth, Washington county, in establishing a normal school.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Kilborn of Bethel—Petition of Lyman Ripley and others to be incorporated as the Ripley Water Company of Andover, Maine.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Wilbur of Avon—Petition of J. W. Brackett and 16 others, for the propagation and protection of fish and game