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OF THE

Sixty-Ninth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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SENATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1899. Senate met according to adjournment

and was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Madawaska Agricultural Society."

Bill an act to establish the Rumford Falls municipal court.

Bill an act to amend section 2, chapter 166, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled "an act creating the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation."

Bill an act to amend section 15, of chapter 113, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 318, of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to disclosures on mesne process.

Bill an act additional to acts to incorporate the Lockwood Company.

Bill an act to amend the charter of the Public Works Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Hebron Water Company.

Bill an act granting William S. Hopkins the right to establish and maintain a ferry between North Haven and Vinalhaven.

Bill an act to incorporate the Southwest Harbor Dam and Bridge Company.

Bill an act to legalize the doings of Rangeley Plantation in Franklin County.

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.

Bill an act to incorporate the Ticonic Foot Bridge Company.

Resolve in aid of a temporary home for women and children in Deering.

Resolve providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office.

Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the words "eighteen hundred and ninety-seven" in the seventh line and inserting in

place thereof the words "eighteen hundred and ninety-nine," also striking out in line eight the words "eighteen hundred and ninety-nine" and inserting in place thereof the words "nineteen hundred."

The amendment was adopted and the bill as amended read and assigned.

Bill an act to establish the salary of the county attorney of Penobscot county.

As amended by House amendment "A," striking out the word "establish" in the title and inserting instead the word "increase."

Bill an act to fix the salary of the register of probate for the county of Androscoggin.

As amended by House amendment "A," striking out the word "fix" in title and inserting instead the word "increase."

Bill an act to establish the salary of the county attorney of Piscataquis county.

As amended by House amendment "A," striking out the word "establish" in title and inserting instead the word "increase."

Bill an act to fix the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Penalscot.

As amended by House amendment "A," striking out the word "fix" in title and inserting instead the word "increase."

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Water Co.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Bill an act additional to chapter 124, of the Revised Statutes, relating to cruelty to animals.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland— Bill an act to amend section 8, of chapter 64, of the Revised Statutes, relating to powers and duties of executors.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, under suspension of rule—Bill an act to revive and amend chapter 276, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Trust and Banking Co."

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Trust and Banking Co.

MANUFACTURES.

By Mr. Hargraves of York—Petition of Geo. E. Morrison of Saco and 18 others, in favor of an act to create a lien upon monumental work.

By Mr. Plummer of Penobscot—Petition of Morse & Bridges and 103 others

of Dexter, for same.

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Petition of Landers Bros. and another, for same.

By Mr. Jones of Penobscot—Petition of D. P. Clay and 20 others, for same.

By Mr. Young of Oxford—Petition of Stephen Charles and 18 others of Fryeburg, for same.

By Mr. Vickery of Kennebec—Petition of Jas. E. Tibbetts and others of Augusta, for same.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Remonstrance of C. B. Meserve of Bristol, with accompany statement, against further restrictive law in the use of seines.

By Mr. Hurd of York—Petition of Horace Mitchell and 191 others of Eliot, Kittery and York, asking for a change in the law in regard to the catching of lobsters.

PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland— Petition of Geo. L. Leavett, postmaster of Portland, and 83 others, for the passage of an act for the better protection of street railway employes.

ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. White of Androscoggin, it was

Ordered, The House concuring, that the Senate and House convene in joint assembly in the hall of the House this day at 11 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of holding exercises in memory of the late Hon. Nelson Dingley.

In pursuance of this order, the secretary was appointed to convey a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate held itself in readiness to convene in joint assembly at the hour and for the purposes stated.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin it was

Ordered, That the judiciary committee consider the expediency of amend-

ing section 17, of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, and section 48, of chapter 104, of the Revised Statutes, relating to divorce proceedings and the care and custody of minor children.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane hospital.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 493 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Penobscot tribe of In-

Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Young from the committee on interior waters, to which was referred petition of Hinck and Kelley and 16 others; also petition of C. P. Webber and others for change of charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Co., reported ought to pass bill an act to amend Chapter 169 of the Private and Special Laws of 1867, relating to the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Co.

Report accepted and bill tabled for printing under rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Mr. Adams of Penobscot, presented the following resolve:

Resolve in favor of James Adams, chairman of the committee on Eastern Maine Insane hospital and of the committee on University of Maine.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the rules were suspended, the resolve given its several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act to extend and amend the charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation and the Penobscot Lumbering Association.

Bill an act for the extension of the Somerset Railway.

Bill an act authorizing the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Co. to establish a branch at Lisbon.

Bill an act relating to the organization and stock and bonds of the United States Envelope Co.

Billanact to permit the breeding and raising of quail for purposes of sale by Henry J. Simpson of Sullivan, Me.

Bill an act to legalize and make valid the meetings and doings of the corporation known as the Trustees of Charity Fund of Caribou Lodge, located in Caribou, Aroostook county, State of Maine. Bill an act to incorporate the Northboro Trust Co.

Bill an act to annex Franklin Plantation in the county of Oxford, to the towns of Rumford Falls and Peru.

Bill an act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the rights of widows and widowers in the real estate of deceased husbands and wives.

This bill came up for its second reading.

Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, moved to amen'd by striking out the word "leases" in the fourth line and inserting instead thereof the word "releases." The amendment was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A message came from the House by Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, announcing the concurrence of that branch with the Senate in the passage of the order for a joint assembly at 11 J'clock.

Mr. Stearns of Aroostook: Senate document No. 15, the judges' salary bill, was to come up, today, by special assignment. I suppose that will go over as unfinished business as it is nearly time for the joint assembly?

The President: The Chair rules that this will go over as unfinished business.

The hour having arrived for the convening of the Senate and House in joint assembly for the purpose of holding exercises in memory of the late Hon. Nelson Dingley, the Senate proceeded to the hall of Representatives.

(For exercises in joint assembly see House report).

On the return of the Senate to their chamber Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, said: As a further token of our respect for the memory of the late Hon. Nelson Dingley, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1899.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

The Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the following telegram from the President of the United States in answer to the message sent by the House in regard to the passage of the treaty with Spain:

Executive Mansion, Washington, Feb. 8, 1899.

To Hon. Isaiah K. Stetson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Augusta, Me.:

The President requests me to thank you very sincerely for your kind telegram of the 7th, and to assure you that he heartily appreciates the cordial expressions of congratulation therein contained.

(Signed) J. H. PORTER, Secretary to the President.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

Bill an act to authorize the construction of a dam at the outlet of the mill pend at New Harbor, in the town of Bristol.

Bill an act in relation to enforcing the liability of shareholders in trust and banking companies.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan, this bill was laid on the table pending second reading.

Bill an act to fix the salary of the register of probate for the county of Cumberland.

Mr. McFadden of Dresden, offered an amerdment by changing the word "fix" in the title to the word "increase," which was adopted, and the bill was then read twice and assigned for tomorrow morning.

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