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

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1899.

The Senate met according to adjournment and was called to order by the president.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cochrane of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

(Senator Witham of Cumberland, in the chair.)

The following House bill came up for its first reading:

Bill an act to set off certain territory from Pittsfield Village Corporation.

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

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Bill an act to incorporate the Ripley Water Company of Andover, Maine.

Bill an act to authorize registers of probate to receive petitions in vacation, and the judge of probate to order notice thereon in vacation.

Bill an act to repeal chapter 111 of the Private and Special Laws of 1872, entitled "An act authorizing the city of Gardiner to raise money for the maintenance of a public library."

Bill an act to increase the salary of the register of probate in and for the county of Aroostook.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the judge of probate in and for the county of Aroostook.

Bill an act to set off certain lands from Oxford Village Corporation.

Bill an act entitled "An act to amend section 32 of chapter 235 of the Public Laws of 1897, regarding taking of smelts in tide waters."

Bill an act authorizing the Hallowell Granite Works to lay and maintain pipes in the city of Hallowell for the use and distribution of compressed air.

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

Bill an act to incorporate the Bath Trust Company.

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.

Bill an act to amend chapter 126 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians. As amended by House amendment A.

The following communication was received from the Executive:

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Augusta, Feb. 21, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication just received from the Hon. William P. Frye, United States Senator, in reply to a formal invitation extended to him by the Legislature of Maine to become the guest of the State at his earliest convenience. (Signed,) LLEWELLYN POWERS.

UNITED STATES SENATE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16, 1899.

The Governor of Maine, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Gentlemen: I have received your letter of February 9, enclosing an order of the Legislature of Maine, requesting you to extend to me an invitation to visit the State Capitol during the present session as the guest of the State.

The distinguished honor thus tendered me is most highly appreciated. I am conscious that no effort of mine entitles me to it, and that it is conferred upon me only as one of the commissioners appointed by the President to negotiate a treaty of peace with Spain. I accepted that important mission with great reluctance, largely induced to do so because I regarded the appointment as an honor to my State which I had no right to refuse. I performed its duties conscientiously, with a single purpose to serve well my country and the peoples which might under the terms of the treaty, come within our protection.

That my action meets the approval of the Legislature of my State is exceedingly gratifying to me. To be the "guest of the State" where I was born, where I have always lived, and of the State which has so honored me for the last quarter of a century would give me a pleasure which I cannot express in words; hence my profound regret that I am compelled to decline the invitation. There are only two weeks

more in this session, the last of the Fifty-fifth Congress, and they are crowded with proposed legislation of unexampled importance to the country. It so happens that I have charge of several measures affecting the commercial interests of the nation. Duty compels me to forego the pleasure and the honor of being the "guest of the State." Very respectfully,

(Signed,) WILLIAM P. FRYE.

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

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Heald of Kennebec—Petition of George F. Dolloff and others against any change in the disclosure law.

#### LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Petition of L. C. Williams and 82 others of Athens, for a law preventing paupers from voting in State and municipal elections, with bill accompanying.

#### FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Jones of Penobscot—Bill an act providing for expenses of State inspectors of steam vessels.

#### RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSSES.

By Mr. Weeks of Somerset—Petition of C. G. Hume and 31 others of Fairfield, asking that railroads issue two-cent mileage books, good to bearer.

Petition of C. H. Gardner and 45 others of Skowhegan, for the same.

By Mr. Pike of York—Petition of F. A. Norton and 25 others of Cornish, for the same.

#### INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Young of Oxford—Remonstrance of S. A. Estes and others of Bryant's Pond and vicinity, against making Sundays open time in the fish and game laws of Maine.

#### TOWNS.

By Mr. Pike of York—Petition of J. F. Moulton and 15 others, praying for the setting off of Ocean Park from the town of Old Orchard and annexing the same to the city of Saco.

By Mr. Heald of Kennebec—Petition of E. M. Dolloff and four others, for the same.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. Drummond for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass, bill

an act relating to the Mechanic Falls Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under rule.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General hospital.

Bill an act to repeal section 7 of chapter 194 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, so far as it applies to the town of South Portland.

Bill an act relating to the powers of the Lewiston Gas Light Co.

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

Bill an act to incorporate the Messalonskee Water Power Co.

Bill an act to amend chapter 230 of the Private and Special Laws of 1854, as amended by chapter 673 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, entitled, "An act to prevent obstructions in the Narragausg river."

#### TABLED.

Bill an act to incorporate the Wilson Stream Dam Co.

This bill came up for second reading and on motion by Mr. Adams was laid on the table pending second reading.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to increase the salary of the county attorney of Penobscot county.

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."

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.

An act to incorporate the Southwest Harbor Dam and Bridge Company.

An act to incorporate the Hebron Water Company.

An act additional to acts to incorporate the Lockwood Company.

An act to establish the Rumford Falls municipal court.

An act to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Cumberland.

An act to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Androscoggin.

An act to legalize the doings of Rangeley Plantation in Franklin county.

An act to authorize the construction of a dam at the outlet of the mill pond at New Harbor in the town of Bristol.

An act to incorporate the Madawas-ka Agricultural Society.

#### FINALLY PASSED.

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

Resolve to pay Howard Whittier of Mount Vernon, in the county of Kennebec, a pension of \$2 a month.

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

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1899.

Resolve in favor of the town of Beddington.

Resolve in favor of repairing a road leading from Van Buren to Caribou, Aroostook county, at a point in Cyr plantation leading to Connor plantation.

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

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

On motion by Mr. Hodsdon of Cumberland,

Adjourned.

#### HOUSE.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Mr. McFADDEN of Dresden: I wish to call the attention of the House a moment to some slight errors in the record in the Journal of Friday's proceedings. In the journal report, and in the newspaper report, I find that, in the speech of the gentleman from Presque Isle, as reported, the complimentary allusion to myself for the effort I had made to get things called by their right names, was dropped out and does not appear at all. I regret that that is so because it was a valuable compliment which he paid me, and I should have been very glad if it had appeared in the report.

Then in the report of my own remarks, on page 209 of the journal that is laid upon our desks, the report makes me say, "But we have made our vows to the Catholic fraternity of the State." What I did say was, "We have made our bows." You see there is a great difference although it is a change in only a single letter. A bow is an act of courtesy, while vows bind us forever. I did not mean to say that we had gone that far.

The Speaker: The chair would call the attention of the gentleman from Dresden to the fact that the reports of the speeches are no part of the journal record kept by the clerk. They are a part of the stenographic report that appears in the Daily Kennebec Journal and in the pamphlets which are laid on the desks here, but at the present time it would be impossible to rectify the error otherwise than the gentleman's remarks will appear in the report of today.

(The sentence referred to as being dropped from the remarks of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, was omitted at the suggestion of that gentleman for purposes of condensation, and is as follows:

"Like old Aenas he (Mr. McFadden) seems to say, 'Neither Trojan nor Tyrian shall be treated by me with any discrimination'—or with any regard to facts or merits.'"—Reporter.)

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.