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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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**SENATE.**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1899.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Struthers of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Senate report of the committee on legal affairs, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of the State supporting and maintaining the large bridges, reporting legislation inexpedient thereon, in Senate accepted, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring in acceptance of report and referring the same to the committee on ways and bridges. The vote of the Senate was then reconsidered and the report referred in concurrence to the committee on ways and bridges.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Bill "An act to authorize and empower the city of Bangor to raise money by loan or otherwise for municipal purposes."

Bill "An act to amend chapters 217 and 218 of the Public Laws of 1889, entitled 'An act to amend section 43, of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvent debtors.'"

Bill "An act establishing the salaries of the county commissioners and the salary of the county treasurer for the county of York."

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

**LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Petition of C. C. Clough and 20 others, voters in the town of Bluehill, in favor of repeal of the law of 1897 relating to election of highway commissioners.

**RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.**

By Mr. Young of Oxford—Petition of Harlan C. Wheeler and 16 others for law compelling railroads in the State to issue mileage books at two cents per mile, good to bearer.

By Mr. Blanchard of Franklin—Petition of H. W. Lowell of Farmington and 100 others, for same; petition of J. W. Hines and 60 others of Farmington, for same.

**SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES.**

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Petition of E. F. Bridges and 36 other citizens and taxpayers of Swan's Island, asking for an act to protect those who are engaged in weir fishing.

By Mr. Hurd of York—Petition of Samuel L. Lord and 39 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. Adams of Penobscot—Petition of L. F. Sanford and 17 others, for the same.

By Mr. Young of Oxford—Petition of L. F. Wheeler and 23 others, for the same.

By Mr. Blanchard of Franklin—Petition of H. T. Kimball and 18 others, for the same.

By Mr. Hargraves of York—Petition of W. L. Bradeen and 9 others, for the same.

By Mr. Whitehouse of Sagadahoc—Petition of A. W. Smith and 56 others, for the same.

By Mr. Sharp of Aroostook—Petition of C. W. Wheeler and 26 others, for the same.

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook—Petition of F. C. Bradeen and 26 others, for the same.

By Mr. White of Androscoggin—Petition of V. E. Bragdon and 29 others, for the same.

By Mr. Plummer of Penobscot—Petition of G. L. Gould and 49 others, for the same.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Petition of Peter Dunton and 20 others of Whitefield, for the same; petition of M. M. Richards and 17 others, for the same.

**PLACED ON FILE.**

By Mr. Shepherd of Knox—Remonstrance of W. H. Stackpole and 19 others of Thomaston, against any change in the seining law.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

Bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 511 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Water and Electric Light and Power Company, as amended by chapter 494 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889."

Bill an act authorizing the city of Lewiston to issue its bonus to an amount not exceeding \$51,000, to meet its bonds now

outstanding and maturing in the year 1900.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hodsdon for the committee on taxation, to which was referred petition of Mary Sawyer Thomas and others, praying that they be exempt from taxation, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

Mr. Weeks, for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass, bill an act to incorporate the Sebacook Manufacturing and Power Co.

Mr. Reynolds for the same committee, reported ought to pass, bill an act to incorporate the Portland, Maine, Past Chancellors Association.

Mr. Jones for the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass, bill an act to extend the charter of the Winn Water and Power Company and to amend the same.

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

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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 285 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 1899 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.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1899.

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 or deceased husbands and wives.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Adams of Penobscot, Bill an act to incorporate the Wilson Stream Dam Company, was taken from the table, given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland,

Bill an act to provide for sprinkling streets in the city of Deering, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sawyer of Washington,

Adjourned.