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## SENATE.

Friday, Feb. 24, 1899.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber of Gardinar.

Journal read and approved.

(Senator Stearns of Aroostook, in the chair.)

Bill an act granting additional powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery, in Augusta, Maine, came up for its first reading.

On motion by Mr. Vickery of Kennebec, the rules were suspended, bill read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 329 of the Public Laws of 1897 relating to the repair of highways, came up for its first reading.

Mr. Grindle of Hancock: I would ask some explanation in regard to this bill, providing for the election of highway commissioner. I wish for information in what respect it differs from the old law, whether, if they fail to elect a commissioner at the town meeting, the selectmen have authority to appoint a commissioner.

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: I would say that by the provisions of this bill, the selectmen are left with authority to appoint a commissioner or commission to expend the Highway money. The simple changes from the old law in this bill are these: A town may elect one or more commissioners, not exceeding three, or the town may leave the management of the highways with its selectmen. These are the material changes from the old law of 1898. Now if this bill is satisfactory to the Senate, I would move that the rules be suspended, this morning, and that it take its several readings at this time and pass to be engrossed. I do not believe in hasty or inconsiderate legislation. I think that all matters should move along properly and in regular order, but I think if this bill is to become a law, it should take its several readings at this time, that it may go into operation now, before the March meetings held in this State. If any senator has any objection to this

course, I will willingly withdraw my motion.

The bill was read once, and House amendments A, B and C were adopted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks, the rules were suspended, the bill read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Bill an act amendatory of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep.

Bill an act to incorporate the Guilford Electric Light and Power Company.

Bill an act extending certain powers of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Resolve in favor of blasting a ledge in the town of Frenchville in the county of Aroostook. House amendment A adopted.

A communication was received from Hon. Henry Lord, president of the board of trustees of the University of Maine, enclosing a detailed statement of all facts required by the order of the Legislature passed, February 10, calling for a statement of salaries of officers and employees of the university, receipts and expenditures, property of the university and expenditures of the appropriation received from the State for the year 1898.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin, the communication was laid on the table to be printed.

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

**RAILROADS.**

By Mr. Hamlin of Hancock—Petition of William S. Cousins and 36 others in favor of the two-cent mileage act relating to railroads.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Bill an act to amend chapter 28 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep.

**TOWNS.**

By Mr. Pierce of Waldo—Petition of G. F. Randall and 10 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. Vickery of Kennebec—Petitions of C. E. Butler and 10 others; M. A. Bonner and 27 others, for the same.

By Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin—Petition of George H. Brown and 37 others, for the same.

#### ORDER.

On motion by Mr. Adams of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next, February 27, at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

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

#### READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill an act to amend section 19 of chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the city of South Portland.

Bill an act to amend section 44 of chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the distribution of printed copies of the Public Laws.

Bill an act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to savings banks.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hamlin for the committee on judiciary, to which was referred bill an act to amend section 23 of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 323 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law, reported ought to pass, in new draft, bill an act authorizing women to be admitted as attorneys to practice law in the courts of this State.

Mr. Reynolds for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass, bill an act to amend section 65 of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to fees in insolvency proceedings.

Mr. Plummer, for the committee on education, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of Pennell Institute.

Mr. Vickery, for the committee on inland fisheries and game, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of consolidating into one chapter and amending the laws, public, private and special, relating to inland fisheries and game, reported ought to pass, bill an act to consolidate, simplify, revise and amend the laws pertaining to inland fisheries and game, as contained in chapters 30 and 40 of the Revised

Statutes and in amendments and additions thereto, and to repeal old and obsolete private and special laws pertaining to fishing in the public waters of the State.

Mr. Johnston, for the committee on State lands and State roads, reported in new draft, resolve in favor of Ignace Blais.

Mr. Plummer for the committee on pensions, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of soldiers of the Spanish war who received medical treatment at their homes.

These reports were severally accepted and bills and resolves reported were laid on the table to be printed under rule.

increase of salaries of justices of the supreme judicial court.

Remonstrance of Ralph H. Dyer and 25 others of Farmington against same.

Mr. Drummond, for the committee on judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of the selection of the town of Phippsburg relating to certain islands in Casco bay.

The same gentleman for the same committee to which was referred concurrent resolution and memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of North Dakota relating to the election of United States senator, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The same gentleman for the same committee to which was referred the report of the medical registration board reported that the same be accepted.

The same gentleman for the same committee, to which was referred the report of the State board of health, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. Plummer, for the committee on education, to which was referred bill an act to amend section 6 and 119 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to manner of assessment of common school funds, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Blanchard, for the same committee, to which was referred the report of the State superintendent of public schools, reported that the same be accepted.

The same gentleman for the same committee, to which was referred the report of the commission appointed by the governor to inquire into and re-

port upon the advisability of establishing additional State normal schools, reported that the same be accepted and referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Blanchard, for the committee on State lands and State roads, reported ought not to pass, resolve in favor of Annie E. Belden.

Mr. Reynolds, for the committee on military affairs, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of having the annual reports of the department officers of the G. A. R. printed at the expense of the State, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The reports were severally accepted.

#### **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland, Maine, Past Chancellors Association.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Winn Water and Power Company and to amend the same.

Bill an act to incorporate the Sebastcook Manufacturing and Power Company.

Bill an act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895 in relation to the support of wives and children by husbands living apart.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy.

Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy.

Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy.

Resolve in favor of Calais Academy.

Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute.

Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal school.

Resolve in favor of Patten Academy.

Resolve in favor of Anson Academy.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

Bill an act to incorporate the Citizen's Trust Company.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Resolve in relation to extra pay of Maine volunteers in the war with Spain.

Resolve in favor of repairing road between Patten and Grand Lake.

Resolve in favor of repairing and maintaining the Babbitt Ridge Road in the town of Moscow in the county of Somerset.

Resolve in favor of the town of Madawaska.

Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Sabatis Shay, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Harriet Upton.

Resolve appropriating money to carry into effect an act establishing travelling libraries.

#### **TABLED.**

Bill an act to amend chapter 491 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1893, came up for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, the bill was laid on the table, pending second reading, in order that the title might be completed.

#### **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**

An act to authorize the Stevens Lumber Company to erect and maintain a dam across the Aroostook river in the town of Fort Fairfield.

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

An Act to amend chapter 126 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

An Act to amend section 32 of chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1897, regarding taking of smelts in tide waters.

An Act to incorporate the Bath Trust Company.

An Act to set off certain lands from Oxford Village Corporation.

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."

An Act to authorize registers of probate to receive petitions in vacation, and the judge of probate to order notice thereon in vacation.

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.

An Act to increase the salary of the judge of probate in and for the county of Aroostook.

An Act to increase the salary of the register of probate in and for the county of Aroostook.

An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

An act to incorporate the Wilson Stream Dam Company.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: I move that House document 153, (bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 329, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the repair of highways,) which was passed this morning, under suspension of the rules, upon my motion, be printed and placed upon the desks of the members. I have no doubt there will be a large demand made upon the members of the Senate and the House for copies of this bill next week, and I move that 3000 copies be printed for distribution.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents, was taken from the table.

Mr. Reynolds offered Senate amendment A, which was adopted. The bill was then read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 511, of the Private and Special Laws of 1898, 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," was taken from the table.

Mr. Drummond: This bill was tabled pending adoption of Senate amendment "A" and passage of the bill to be engrossed as amended. I now offer Senate amendment "B," and move the adoption of both amendments.

The motion was agreed to, the amendments severally adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Sawyer of Washington,

Adjourned.

#### HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 24, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leshar of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to establish the Bar Harbor municipal court.

Read the third time and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules on motion by Mr. Philbrook of Waterville.

Bill an act authorizing the city of Lewiston to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding \$51,000, to meet its bonds now outstanding and maturing in the year 1900.

Read the third time and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules on motion by Mr. Philbrook of Waterville.

Resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

Resolve in favor of roads in Indian Township, Washington county.

This resolve comes from the Senate amended by Senate amendment "A."

On motion by Mr. Smith of Presque Isle the votes were reconsidered whereby the resolve was finally passed, and passed to be engrossed. Senate amendment "A" was then adopted and the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act in relation to the salaries of the judges of the supreme judicial court.

Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan moved that the bill be laid on the table.

The motion was lost.

The bill was then read for the first time.

Mr. Murphy of Lewiston moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Bird of Rockland moved to reconsider the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Macomber of Augusta inquired whether the gentleman voted in favor of the proposition.

The SPEAKER: As there is no record of the vote the Chair rules that the gentleman can make the motion.

The call for the yeas and nays was sustained.

Mr. PHILBROOK of Waterville: I understand the vote on the indefinite