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

Monday, Feb. 27, 1899.

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

Prayer by Rev. Father Doherty of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

(Mr. Witham of Cumberland, in the chair.)

Bill an act to limit the rate of interest on loans on personal property.

This bill came from the House on its first reading, amended by House amendment A. Pending adoption of amendment in concurrence, on motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill an act to authorize the record of contracts for the sale of land.

This bill came from the House on its first reading with House amendments. Pending adoption of amendments in concurrence, on motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill an act to enable the Winter Harbor Company to purchase stock of the Grindstone Neck Water Company.

This bill, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House, amended by House amendment A. The amendment was adopted in concurrence, the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill an act relating to the salaries of justices of the supreme judicial court.

This bill, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook: Mr. President, the judiciary committee feel that they have done all they could in attempting to procure the passage of this bill, which seems to them a most just measure. The Senate has also done its duty in giving the bill a passage, but in view of the action in the House, it seems almost hopeless for the Senate to insist on its vote, and it would be unwise, as it seems to the judiciary committee, to have any further discussion upon it. So, Mr. President, I move that the Senate recede from its former vote and concur with the House

in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill an act to authorize the Pepperell Manufacturing Company and the Laconia Company to consolidate.

This bill came from the House on its first reading: On motion by Mr. Hurd of York, the rules were suspended, the bill read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Bill an act to amend and extend the charter of the public works.

Bill an act to repeal chapter 461 of the Private and Special laws of 1885, and chapter 377 of the Private and Special laws of 1897, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, relating to school district No. 5 in the town of Kennebunk.

Bill an act relating to the Indian reservation in the town of Perry, Washington county.

Bill an act additional to chapter 365 of the Private and Special laws of 1893, relating to the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the county attorney of Sagadahoc county.

Bill an act to establish a salary for the clerk of the judicial courts of Washington county.

Bill an act to amend the charter of the Bangor Boom Company.

Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to salaries of public officers.

Bill an act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company.

Bill an act to legalize the incorporation, the records and the doings of the Hartland Hall Association of Hartland.

Bill an act to prohibit the killing of deer on the Isle au Haut in Hancock county.

Bill an act to authorize Benjamin Desjardin to maintain a wharf into the tide waters of New Meadows river in the town of Brunswick, county of Cumberland.

Bill an act to legalize the incorporation of the Second Baptist Society of North Bowdoin.

Bill an act to amend the charter of the People's Trust Company.

Bill an act to enable the commissioners of inland fisheries and game to in-

crease the State museum consisting of mounted specimens and pictures of the birds, wild animals and fishes native to the State of Maine.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the following list of

**PUBLIC ACTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

Bill an act to increase the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Penobscot.

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

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.

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 increase the salary of the county attorney of Penobscot county.

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

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

At 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.

An act to establish travelling libraries.

The following bills, petitions, were presented and referred:

**LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. King of Oxford—Bill an act additional to chapter 6, section 96, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the abatement of taxes.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Blanchard of Franklin—Bill an act to repeal chapter 195, of the public Laws of 1897.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Petition of I. C. Merrill and A. L. Robinson, milk inspectors of Lewiston and Auburn, for amendment of the law relating to the inspection of milk.

**TOWNS.**

By Mr. White of Androscoggin—Petition of M. F. Newton and 31 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. Jones of Penobscot—Petition of A. F. Schermerhorn and 17 others, for the same.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Bill an act to incorporate the Andover Village Corporation.

Resolve in favor of soldiers of the Spanish war who received medical treatment at their homes.

Resolve in favor of Ignace Blais.

Bill an act authorizing women to be admitted as attorneys to practice law in the courts of this State.

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.

Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute.

**SPECIALLY ASSIGNED.**

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.

This bill was reported for its first reading. Mr. Jones of Penobscot, moved to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. Vickery of Kennebec, asked that a day be assigned for taking the bill from the table, and upon agreement with Mr. Jones, Thursday, of this week was specially assigned for its consideration.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

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.

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 of and additional

to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to savings banks.

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**

An act to extend the territorial limits of the Dover and Foxcroft Village Fire Company.

An act additional to the incorporation of the Ellsworth Electric Illuminating Company and additional to the charter of the Ellsworth Water Company.

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."

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.

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

An act relating to the powers of the Lewiston Gas Light Company.

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

An act to amend sections 1 and 4 of chapter 445 of the Special Laws of 1875, entitled "an act to incorporate the Masonic Trustees of Lewiston," as amended by chapter 354 of the Private Laws of 1877.

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 repairs of highways.

**FINALLY PASSED.**

Resolve in favor of N. M. West, secretary of the committee on Maine State prison.

Resolve for State pensions.

Resolve in favor of Bluehill-George Stevens Academy.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library for the years 1899 and 1900.

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

Resolve in favor of procuring portraits of the past presiding officers of the State Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sharp of Aroostook, resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital; pending passage to be enacted, was laid on the table.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin, the vote was reconsidered accepting

the report of the committee on education, to which was referred the report of the commission appointed by the Governor to inquire into and report upon the advisability of establishing additional State normal schools, that the same be accepted and referred to the next Legislature, and the same was recommitted to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Hurd of York, the vote was reconsidered accepting in concurrence House report of the committee on legal affairs, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of William B. Tobey and others, directors of the North Berwick Agricultural Association, for an appropriation in aid of the same, and the report was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, bill an act to set off certain territory from Pittsfield Village corporation, was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, Adjourned.