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**Sixty-Ninth Legislature**  
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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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The header on the pages in this file is  
erroneously given as  
“MONDAY, MARCH 6.”  
It should read:  
“TUESDAY, MARCH 7.”

**SENATE.**

Tuesday, March 7, 1899.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 115, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 264, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the county attorney of Cumberland county.

This bill came up on its first reading, and on motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, was laid on the table pending second reading.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Bill an act to amend section 1, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to poll taxes, by adding to said section the words, "which said poll tax shall not exceed three dollars and shall not be less than one dollar."

Bill an act providing for the appointment and compensation of the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Saco.

Bill an act to create a lien upon hay, for the cutting and pressing thereof.

Bill an act to amend the title of chapter 295, of the Public Laws of 1897.

Bill an act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Eastport Street Railway.

Bill an act to extend the time for the construction of the Boothbay Railroad.

Bill an act in relation to corporations issuing contracts for annuities commencing in the future.

Bill an act authorizing the Manufacturers Trust Company to establish a branch at Old Orchard.

Bill an act to amend section 6, of chapter 562, of the Private and Special Laws of 1868, said chapter being entitled, "An act to incorporate the Buxton and Hollis Savings Bank."

Resolve authorizing a change in the location of a right of way to State lands in Augusta.

Resolve in favor of improving the sanitary condition of the State camp ground.

Bill an act to incorporate the State and county taxes for the years 1899 and

1900 on township formerly known as Franklin plantation, county of Oxford.

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

**PUBLIC ACTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

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 establishing the salaries of the county commissioners and the salary of the county treasurer of the county of York.

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.

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

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

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 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.

An act amendatory to chapter 287, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the protection of sheep.

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

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

An act to enable the commissioners of inland fisheries and game to increase the State museum, consisting of mounted specimens and pictures of birds, wild animals and fish native to the State of Maine.

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

An act giving a lien for shoring and running logs.

An act for the prevention of certain kinds of nuisances.

The following remonstrance was presented and referred to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses:

By Mr. Plummer of Penobscot—Remonstrance of S. M. Leighton and 23 others, business men of Dexter, against the passage of the anti-scalping bill.

#### READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill an act to amend Section 21, Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes relating to the rights of towns to make by-laws concerning truants.

Resolve in favor of Greely Institute.

Bill an act to authorize the Castine Water Company to engage in the business of electric lighting and furnishing electric power.

Bill an act to incorporate the Patten, Allegash & Northern Railroad Company.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to sea and shore fisheries.

Bill an act relating to the jurisdiction of municipal and police courts.

Resolve in favor of the commissioners appointed by the Governor to inquire into and report upon the advisability of establishing State Normal schools.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 407 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of Van Buren College, and to authorize the faculty of said college to confer degrees."

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway.

Bill an act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway.

Bill an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Trust and Banking Company.

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 Company."

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Plummer for the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass bill an act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes regulating the right of trial by jury in divorce suits.

Mr. Reynolds for the same committee reported ought to pass bill an act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 64 and Section 4 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes relating to sales of real estate by license of court.

The reports were accepted and the bills laid on the table for printing under rule.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve in reference to Yorks deeds.

Bill an act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 51 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to probate of foreign wills.

Bill an act to prevent immoral exhibitions.

Bill an act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of the Governor and Council in regard to payment to towns of State school fund and mill tax.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1899 and 1900.

Bill an act to fix the salary of the judge and register of probate for the county of Oxford.

Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago.

Bill an act to incorporate the Wiscasset Academy.

#### TABLED.

Bill an act relating to the taxation of costs in trial justice actions.

This bill was read the second time and on motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset was laid on the table pending passage to be engrossed.

An act amendatory and additional to Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes relating to savings banks.

This bill came up on its passage to be enacted on motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, was laid on the table pending passage to be enacted.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act in reference to the Boston Auction Company.

An act to incorporate the Ogunquit Sewerage Company.

An act relating to sealers of weights and measures.

An act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Hancock.

An act to incorporate the Andover Village Corporation.

An act to incorporate the Van Buren Water Company.

An act relating to Chapter 472 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled "An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company."

An act to legalize the calling and holding of the town meeting of the town of Jefferson in the year of our Lord 1897.

An act to incorporate the Dixfield Fire Engine Company.

An act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes relating to the distribution of printed copies of the Public Laws.

An act to set off the town of Trescott and annex the same to the town of Edmunds.

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.

An act to extend the charter of the Orono Water Company.

#### FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of blasting a ledge in the town of Frenchville in the county of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy.

Resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

On motion by Mr. Pike of York,

Adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 7, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Father Doherty of Augusta.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Water Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lily Water Company.

Bill an act authorizing the trustees of the ministerial fund in the Congregational Society in Buxton to apply the interest of said fund toward the payment of the minister's salary.

Bill an act to extend and amend the charter of the Castine Railway Navigation Company.

Senate amendment "A" to this bill was adopted.

The foregoing bills were read the third time and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules on motion by Mr. Philbrook of Waterville.

Bill an act to fix the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Waldo.

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

Bill an act for the better protection of clams.

Senate amendment "A," to this bill was adopted. The bill was then read the third time and passed to be engrossed as amended under suspension of the rules on motion by Mr. Philbrook of Waterville.

Bill an act for the better protection of ship masters and seamen.

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

Bill an act to repeal chapter 280, of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to the use of rafts or floats in fishing for smelts in Bagaduce river.

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

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of John Fletcher and 26 others of Belfast, in favor of the passage of the veterinary registration bill.

Petition of C. W. Pierce and 27 others of Brooks in favor of same.

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford—Remonstrance of F. H. Cousins and others, against the passage of the law relative