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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1905.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 15, 1905.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Canham of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, an act to impose an excise tax on the business of selling, giving or delivering trading stamps, checks, coupons or similar devices in connection with the sale of articles, referred in the Senate to the committee on legal affairs, was tabled for printing pending its reference by the House in concurrence, on motion of Mr. Stevens of Portland.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An act to incorporate the Foreside Water Company. (Tabled for printing pending acceptance in concurrence of Senate report of the committee reporting ought to pass, on motion of Mr. Trickey of Cumberland.)

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

An act to amend section 44 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taking of smelts.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of A. H. Small, Portland, Maine.

Resolve in favor of Fred W. Lee, Augusta, Maine.

Bill, an act to amend section 1 of chapter 26 of the private and special laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 487 of the private and special laws of 1897, relating to the taxation of certain plantations, comes from the Senate with Senate amendment A. The House reconsidered the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment A was adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Thorlough of Fort Fairfield: Petition of Celia B. Williams and 15 others of Fort Fairfield in favor of

passage of an act to amend chapter 166 of the private and special laws of 1887 relating to Fort Fairfield village corporation.

By Mr. Lanigan of Waterville: Petition of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union of Waterville for the enactment of a law containing the principle of the initiative and referendum.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Petition of J. V. Merrick and others for Prout's Neck village corporation; of Phineas W. Sprague and others for same; of Elizabeth G. May for same; of Charles S. Homer and others for same; of James N. Hyde and others for same; of Stanley White for same; of James M. Farr for same; of A. L. Googins for same; of Russell I. Griffin for same; of James W. Holland and others for same; of Henry Fairbanks and others for same; of Carlyle Patterson for same; of Charles K. Hinckley for same; of H. C. Merriam for same; of Frank Moss for same; of J. S. Leavitt for same; of Annie B. Moss for same; of J. Warrington and others for same; of Agnes Hall Putnam for same; of Annie C. Robinson and others for same.

By Mr. Berry of Carthage: Remonstrance of C. Fenderson and 94 others of Wilton against the granting of a charter for a village corporation for Wilton village.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Bill, an act to amend section 116 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to caucuses in cities of over twenty-five thousand inhabitants.

By Mr. Gannett of Augusta: Bill, an act to abolish the common council of the city of Augusta and otherwise to amend the charter of said city.

By Mr. Johnson of Hallowell: Bill, an act to amend the charter of the city of Hallowell. (Tabled on motion of Mr. Johnson.)

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Bill, an act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Carleton Pond.

By Mr. Gannett of Augusta: Bill, an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter and laws of the city of Augusta.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Bill, an act to create a bridge commission for the

rebuilding of Vaughn's bridge (Tabled on motion of Mr. Hale); also bill, an act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Portland to Lizzie A. Johnson.

By Mr. Powers of Houlton: Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Meduxnekeag Light and Power Company.

By Mr. Copp of Cornish: Bill, an act to authorize the town of Cornish to remove the bodies of deceased persons.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Bill, an act amending chapter 468 of the private and special laws approved March 18, A. D., 1897, relating to the retirement of the members of the Portland Fire Department on half-pay.

By Mr. Thurlough of Fart Fairfield: Bill, an act to amend chapter 166 of the private and special laws of 1887, relating to Fort Fairfield village corporation.

By Mr. Briggs of Auburn: Bill, an act to provide for registration of automobiles and motor-cycles. (Tabled for printing, pending reference on motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls.)

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: Bill, an act in relation to fees and charges of subordinate officers of the city of Portland.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Bill, an act to incorporate Prout's Neck village corporation.

By Mr. Lanigan of Waterville: Bill, an act to authorize the Fort Halifax Power Company to furnish electricity for power purposes. By Mr. Hastings of Bethel: Resolve relating to reprinting the Maine Reports. (Tabled for printing, pending reference on motion of Mr. Briggs of Auburn.)

By Mr. Higgins of Limerick: Bill, an act to incorporate the National Loan Company of Portland.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Dudley of Castle Hill: Petition of Oscar Iverson and 35 voters of Portage Lake plantation in favor of the bill to organize Portage Lake plantation.

By Mr. Jones of Searsmont: Petition of Delbert Paul and 11 others for amendment to section 8, article 9, of the constitution of Maine, relating to taxation of wild lands.

By Mr. Holmes of Caribou: Bill, an act to establish the Caribou municipal court. (Tabled for printing pending reference on motion of Mr. Holmes.)

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Bill, an act to incorporate the Danforth Water Company.

By Mr. Page of Hampden: Bill, an act to authorize the Maine Baptist missionary convention to assume control of the First Baptist church in the town of Hampden, Penobscot county.

By Mr. Byron of Phillips: Bill, an act to legalize and make valid the acts of Phillips village corporation.

By Mr. Witt of Norway: Bill, an act to amend section 2 of chapter 406 of the private and special laws of 1850 entitled, "An act to establish Norway village corporation."

By Mr. Staples of Eliot: Bill, an act prohibiting persons not residents of Maine from peddling merchandise of any kind in Maine until a license of \$100 is paid to the town or city treasurer of each town or city.

By Mr. Gray of Paris: Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Buckfield Water Power and Electric Light Company.

By Mr. Therriault of Grand Isle: Bill, an act to incorporate the Van Buren Water District.

By Mr. Staples of Eliot: Bill, an act authorizing the town treasurer of Kittery to expend moneys left for private lots in cemeteries not incorporated.

By Mr. Reed of Portland: Bill, an act to authorize construction and maintenance of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay on the island of Little Chebeague, situated in the town of Cumberland and the city of Portland, Maine.

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln: Bill, an act to amend section 19 of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes relating to title by descent.

By Mr. Davis of Benton: Bill, an act to incorporate the Midland Power Company.

By Mr. Scribner of Springfield: Bill, an act granting Ithiel C. Blackman the right to maintain a ferry between Lincoln and Chester.

By Mr. Josselyn of Portland: Bill, an act to authorize E. S. Everett and others to erect and maintain a wharf into

the tide waters of Casco bay in the town of Freeport.

By Mr. Tracy of Winter Harbor: Bill, an act to amend section 8 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to constables.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Poor of Belfast: Petition of Stanley Bisbee and 25 others of Rumford Falls in favor of Maine Children's Home Society; of James P. Baxter and 77 others of Portland for same; of W. F. Hawes and 25 others of South China for same; of Ida S. Cowan and 55 others of Farmington for same; of C. S. Hichborn of Augusta and 96 others for same.

By Mr. Oakes of Milford: Resolve in favor of the town of Greenbush.

By Mr. Buzzell of Old Town: Resolve in favor of the Old Town Hospital.

By Mr. Garcelon of Lewiston: Resolve in favor of the Girls' Orphanage under the auspices of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of the city of Lewiston.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Resolve in favor of Peter F. Neptune, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

By Mr. Buzzell of Old Town: Ordered, That the officers of the House be allowed the same compensation as at the last session of the Legislature.

Federal Relations.

By Mr. Reed of Portland: Bill, an act to provide for the representation of the State of Maine and the Lewis and Clark and Jamestown Expositions, and making appropriation therefor. (Tabled for printing and 500 additional copies ordered printed on motion of Mr. Reed of Portland.)

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Kimball of Rockland: Petition for amendment of chapter 172 of the special laws of 1891 as amended by chapter 295 of the special laws of 1901.

By Mr. Thompson of Roque Bluffs: Petition of J. N. Watts and 26 others of Roque Bluffs for two-cent mileage on the Washington county railroad.

By Mr. Swett of Portland: Petition

of W. B. Adie and 38 others of Portland for same.

By Mr. Longfellow of Addison: Petition of A. C. Godfrey and 50 others of Addison for same.

By Mr. Powers of Houlton: Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Houlton and Danforth Electric Railroad Company.

By Mr. Byron of Phillips: Bill, an act to amend section 70 of chapter 51 relating to ringing of bells and sounding of whistles on steam railroads.

By Mr. Powers of Houlton: Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Houlton and Woodstock Electric Railroad Company.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Josselyn of Portland: Bill, an act to incorporate the National Trust Company of Portland, Me.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Bill, an act to incorporate the United States Trust Company of Portland.

By Mr. Johnson of Hallowell: Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Hallowell Trust Company.

By Mr. Thompson of Orono: Bill, an act to incorporate the Orono Trust Company.

By Mr. Fawsette of Garland: Bill, an act to incorporate the Dexter Trust Company.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Holmes of Caribou: Remonstrance of A. H. Nelson and 11 others of New Sweden against any change in the Groat law, so called.

By Mr. Norcross of Winthrop: Bill, an act to prevent wilful destruction of trailing arbutus.

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Oakes of Auburn: Resolve in favor of W. H. Watson; also resolve in favor of soldiers of the Spanish War who received medical treatment at their houses.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Higgins of Limerick: Petition of A. C. Perkins and 20 others of Acton against the throwing of sawdust and mill waste into Heath brook in said Acton; of Frank D. Harper and 20 others for close time on Sokokis lake

and its tributaries in Limerick, York county.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Bill, an act to authorize the maintenance of piers and booms in Baskahegan stream at Danforth.

By Mr. Goodwin of Sanford: Bill, an act to prohibit throwing sawdust, shavings or refuse into Heath brook or its tributaries in the town of Acton, York county.

By Mr. Lanigan of Waterville: Bill an act to incorporate the Roach river dam company.

By Mr. Stearns of Millinocket: Resolve in favor of Norcross Transportation Company.

State Lands and State Roads.

By Mr. Irving of Presque Isle: Bill, an act to promote the settlement of wild lands adapted to agricultural purposes.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Therriault of Grand Isle: Resolve in aid of building a bridge on St. John river at Van Buren, Me.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Jillson of Otisfield: Petition of N. C. Pinkham and 16 others asking for an amendment to the fish and game laws relating to trespass.

By Mr. Grant of Freeport: Petition asking for repeal of section 3 of chapter 407 of the private and special laws of 1903 relating to the taking of fish in the towns Freeman and Salem and Strong.

By Mr. Longfellow of Addison: Petition of H. A. Plummer and 76 others to establish and maintain a fish-way in the mill-dam in Columbia Falls, Pleasant river.

By Mr. Cole of Etna: Petition of Sumner Damon and 12 others of Carmel requesting that Carmel and Etna and Parker ponds be closed to ice fishing for a period of five years from April 1st, 1905.

By Mr. Norcross of Winthrop: Petition that a law be enacted prohibiting ice fishing in Berry and Dexter ponds, so-called, situated in Winthrop and Wayne.

By Mr. Purinton of Bowdoin: Petition of J. M. Odioner and 36 others of Richmond in favor of a law to prohibit the hunting of ducks in Merrymeeting

bay by means of gasoline launches; petition of William R. Fairclough and 21 others of Richmond for same.

By Mr. Berry of Carthage: Petition of Fred O. Smith and 38 others of New Vineyard that the open time for fishing in Sweet's pond shall be from the time the ice goes out in the spring until October 1st; petition of I. W. Mason and 52 others of Strong for same.

By Mr. Longfellow of Addison: Remonstrance of H. M. Ramsdell of Harrington and 40 others against the legislation prohibiting the taking of smelts in Harrington river.

By Mr. Martin of Rumford: Remonstrance J. A. Decker and 22 others against a change in the law relating to fishing with bait in the Rangeley lakes.

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: Petition of J. F. Chute and 14 others of Portland against any legislation prohibiting still fishing in the Rangeley lakes.

By Mr. Copp of Cornish: Remonstrance of Ether E. Flint and 19 others against the passage of any law prohibiting the putting of sawdust into Breakneck brook so-called in the towns of Baldwin and Sebago; remonstrance of C. F. Burnell and 8 others against same, said signers having originally signed petition in favor of said law.

By Mr. Byron of Phillips: Remonstrance of A. L. Savage and 15 others, guides and farmers of Bigelow, Flagstaff and Dead river, against the passage of any law repealing the protection on deer in organized towns and plantations.

By Mr. Peacock of Lubec: Petition of Geo. O. Walson and 10 others of Lubec against any change in section 17 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to the close time on deer; of H. E. Sanders and 43 others of Lubec against same; of C. F. Bradbury and 15 others of Lubec against same; of J. C. Pike and 36 others of Lubec against same; of E. R. Saunders and 25 others of Trescott against same.

By Mr. Holmes of Caribou: Bill, an act to prevent the throwing of sawdust and other mill waste in Little Madawaska river and its tributaries in Aroostook county.

By Mr. Grant of Freeport: Bill, an act to amend section 3 of chapter 407 of the private and special laws of 1903,

relating to the taking of fish in the towns of Freeman, Salem and Strong.

By Mr. Hall of Dover: Bill, an act to amend chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, Section 12, relating to wild hares.

Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Grant of Freeport: Petition asking for the repeal of the law relating to the bounty on seals.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport: Remonstrance of John McCoy and 8 others of Eastport against free seining.

By Mr. Peacock of Lubec: Bill, an act to amend chapter 251 of the private and special laws of 1903 relating to the taking of smelts.

By Mr. Turner of Whitefield: Bill, an act to prohibit the taking of oysters from Dyer's and Sheepscot rivers in the county of Lincoln.

By Mr. Ingersoll of Biddeford: Bill, an act to repeal chapter 317 of the private and special laws of 1903 relating to the taking of clams in Scarborough.

Towns.

By Mr. Byron of Phillips: Remonstrance of F. S. Schofield and 169 others of Weld against setting off any part of said town and annexing the same to the town of Carthage.

Claims.

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Michael Burns; also resolve in favor of Susan J. Tukey.

By Mr. Albert of Madawaska: Resolve in favor of I. S. Cote.

Pensions.

By Mr. Buzzell of Old Town: Bill, an act to amend section 4 of chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes relating to the State pension law.

By Mr. Thurlough of Fort Fairfield: Resolve in favor of George N. Drost, with accompanying statement of facts.

Library.

reference on motion of Mr. Baxter.)

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: Resolve in favor of the documentary history of Maine (Tabled for printing pending

Temperance.

By Mr. Merrill of Dixfield: Petition of J. Abbott Noble and 60 others in favor of resubmission or the enactment of the druggists' bill.

By Mr. Martin of Rumford: Petition

of L. W. Blanchard and 112 others praying for the better enforcement of the prohibitory law.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Petition of W. C. T. U. of Westbrook in favor of creating a commission of three for enforcement of prohibitory law. Also to investigate by special committee manner of enforcing prohibitory law in Cumberland county; of W. C. T. U. of Cray for same; of W. C. T. U. of East Otisfield for same; of W. C. T. U. of Peaks Island for same; of W. C. T. U. of Cumberland Mills for same; of W. C. T. U. of Newhall for same; of W. C. T. U. of Harrison for same; of W. C. T. U. of Yarmouth for same.

Taxation.

By Mr. Webster of Chesterville: Petition of I. W. Sargent and 22 others in favor of the Merrill bill.

By Mr. Kinsman of Cornville: Petition of O. Robertson and 20 others of St. Albans for same; of Fred Lucas and 36 others of St. Albans for same.

By Mr. Vittum of Concord: Petition of W. R. Jordan and 9 others of Bingham for same.

By Mr. Fawsette of Garland: Petition of L. B. Waldron and 78 others of Dexter for same.

By Mr. Kinsman of Cornville: Petition of F. L. Loughton and 69 others of Ripley for same.

By Mr. Gray of Paris: Petition of W. O. Frothingham and 6 others of South Paris for repeal of law taxing mortgages on real estate.

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Petition of R. H. White and 1 other of Richmond for same.

By Mr. Martin of Rumford: Petition of Arthur E. Morriscn and 7 others of Rumford Falls for same.

By Mr. Shevenell of Biddeford: Petition of Board of Trade of Biddeford for same.

By Mr. Gray of Paris: Petition of Alton C. Wheeler and 24 others of Paris for same.

By Mr. Webb of Brunswick: Petition of J. W. Curtis and 1 other of Brunswick for same.

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Petition of Geo. N. Theobald and 5 others of Richmond for same.

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: Petition

of Milliken, Tomlinson Co. and 22 others of Portland for same; of Frances E. Waldron and 28 others of Portland for same; of Rines Bros. Co. and 30 others of Portland for same; of William H. Green and 16 others of Portland for same; of Deering Winslow & Co. and 24 others for same; of Cook, Everett & Pennell and 5 others of Portland for same; of Alden W. Cates and 53 others of Portland for same; of Austin W. Pease and 31 others of Portland for same; of F. E. Eastman and 128 others of Portland for same.

Salaries.

By Mr. Stearns of Millinocket: Petition of J. B. Rogers and 41 others of Patten in favor of the adoption of the report of the committee on the abolition of the fee system.

Aroostook County Delegation.

By Mr. Irving of Presque Isle: Bill, an act to empower the county of Aroostook to purchase and acquire title to lands adapted to agricultural purposes in said county. (Tabled for printing pending reference on motion of Mr. Powers of Houlton.)

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Tupper from the Bangor Delegation to which was referred an enabling act for the city of Bangor, reported that in the opinion of the delegation the same ought not to pass, believing that legislation at the present time is inadvisable for such changes as suggested, and that same should be more carefully investigated by a special committee to be created by the city of Bangor, and that action should be taken by both branches of the city government before action is taken by the Legislature.

Mr. Reed from the committee on legal affairs reported leave to withdraw on petition of C. F. Rand and 25 others prohibiting playing baseball or football near dwellings.

Mr. Howes from the committee on education, on bill, an act to provide for instruction in music in the public schools, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Tupper from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on

resolve in favor of the city of Lewiston, reported that the same be referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Tupper from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the city of Portland.

Mr. Tupper from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Falmouth.

Mr. Johnson from the committee on the judiciary reported ought to pass on bill, an act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Brownville and Williamsburg Water Company.

Mr. Newcomb from same committee reported in a new draft bill, an Act to prevent throwing refuse and garbage into the Aroostook river within the limits of Fort Fairfield village corporation, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Merrill from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an Act to authorize the town of Skowhegan to subscribe to the capital stock of the Skowhegan Hall Association.

Mr. Merrill from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an Act to authorize the Skowhegan Hall Association to issue preferred stock.

Mr. Merrill from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment of deputy clerk of courts.

Mr. Higgins from same committee, on bill, an Act to amend Chapter 153 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879 in regard to building dams and embankments on Swift river in the town of Byron, reported that the same be printed pending reference.

Mr. Higgins from same committee reported same on bill, an Act authorizing the Ashland Company to erect dams and make improvements on the tributaries of the Upper Aroostook river in the county of Aroostook.

Mr. Hale from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 98 of the Revised Statutes relating to replevin writs.

Mr. Merrill from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an Act to increase the capital stock of the Skowhegan Hall Association.

Mr. Oakes from the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on bill, an Act additional to and amendatory of

Chapter 137 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 entitled, "An act to amend the charter of the city of Auburn and to provide for a board of public works.

Mr. Oakes from the same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an Act to amend Chapter 173 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 entitled, "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Auburn."

Mr. OAKES of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill receive its several readings without printing and be passed to be engrossed. The bill provides for a change in the number of the school committee of the city of Auburn, and also provides that before it becomes a law it must be accepted by the act of the city council of the city of Auburn so that there will be no possibility of any mistake about action in this form; and the action is necessary at this time in order that the bill may reach its passage in time for the spring election, and I ask for unanimous consent for that reason.

There being no objection the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Gray from the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on bill to enable the Clinton Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

Mr. Baxter from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an Act to incorporate the Peaks Island Gas Company.

Mr. Gray from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an act authorizing the Crosby Mercantile Company and the Crosby Lumber Company to consolidate.

Mr. Holmes from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend section 4 of chapter 88 of the Revised Statutes relating to service upon copartners in trustee process.

Mr. Baxter from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend section 76 of chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes relating to the abatement of taxes.

Mr. Baxter from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an act in addition to chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes relating to the sale of land for taxes.

Mr. Tracy from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an act to incorporate the Trinitarian Congregational parish of Castine and to legalize the doings of said parish heretofore

known by the name of the Trinitarian Society of Castine, Maine.

Mr. Swett from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

Mr. Briggs from the committee on education reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend section 97 of chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of 1903 relating to schooling of children in unorganized townships.

Mr. Briggs from same committee reported ought to pass on resolve providing for deficiencies in appropriations for the schooling of children in unorganized townships.

Mr. Copp from same committee reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of Farmington State normal school.

Mr. Knapp from committee on banks and banking reported in a new draft bill, an act to incorporate the Winter Harbor Trust Company of Winter Harbor, Maine, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Knapp from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend the charter of the Waldo Trust Company with privilege to establish a branch at Castine, Maine.

Mr. Knapp from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, an act to incorporate the Deering Trust Company, Portland, Maine.

Mr. Knapp from same committee reported in a new draft bill, an act to incorporate the Merchants' Trust Company, Portland, Maine, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Futnam from the committee on interior waters reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend chapter 279 of the private and special laws of 1901 entitled, "An act to incorporate the Mattagammon Manufacturing Company."

Messrs. Pierce, Mills, Oakes, Tracy, Gray, Baxter and Reed, a majority of the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill, an act providing penalties for non-feasance of duty by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and county attorneys.

Mr. Staples from same committee, on same, reported ought not to pass.

Pending the acceptance of either re-

port the bill and reports were tabled on motion of Mr. Reed of Portland, and the bill ordered printed.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An act to extend the charter of the Belfast Trust Company.

An act to amend section 11 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to close time on beaver.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An act to ratify and confirm the organization of the Penobscot Valley Gas Company and to give said company additional powers.

Resolve for State pensions.

Resolve in favor of John D. Bubier.

An act to extend the charter of the Auburn, Mechanics Falls and Norway Street Railway.

An act to amend the charter of the Kennebec Valley Railroad Company.

An act to protect cod and other ground fish in waters off the coast of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties.

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay.

Passed to be Enacted.

An act to confirm the organization of the Old Town Electric Company, to change its name to Bangor Railway and Electric Company, and to authorize it to acquire the properties and franchises of the Public Works Company, the Bangor, Orono and Old Town Railway Company, and the Bangor, Hampden and Winterport Railway Company, and to confer certain powers upon said Bangor Railway and Electric Company.

An act to incorporate the Hamilton Trust Company.

An act to amend section 113 of chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the number of trustees of State Normal schools.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Stevens of Portland, bill, an act relating to the manufacture of intoxicating liquor and cider, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on temperance.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Limer-

ick petition of Lewis W. Farnham and 15 others asking for the repeal of section 25 of chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, was taken from the table.

Mr. Cushman of Woodstock offered an amendment by adding to the title the words, "relating to the taxation of manufacturing, mining and smelting corporations."

The amendment was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Cushman the bill was referred to the committee on taxation.

Mr. Higgins announced that he would take from the table tomorrow morning the resolve in favor of the university of Maine tabled by him February 2.

The speaker joined on the part of the House to the committee in relation to legislaave advertising, Messrs. Oakes of Auburn, Holmes of Caribou, Percy of Bath, Grant of Freeport, Johnson of Waterville, Gray of Paris and Allan of Dennysville.

On motion of Mr. Libbey of South Berwick,

Adjourned.