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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, }  
January 25, 1897. }

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare, and cause to be printed under his supervision and direction, four hundred copies of the Journal of the proceedings of the present session of the Senate.

Read and passed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.

A true copy.

ATTEST:

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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## Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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### Journal of the Senate.

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AUGUSTA,  
WEDNESDAY, January 6, 1897.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senators-elect to the Sixty-Eighth Legislature convened in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by Kendall M. Dunbar, Secretary of the Senate of 1895-'96.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

STATE OF MAINE,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

In compliance with section 25 of chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Senators-elect to the Sixty-Eighth Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council, under date of November 23, 1896, to wit:

## FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
FRANK H. HARGRAVES.....	Buxton.
DANIEL A. HURD.....	North Berwick.
LEROY F. PIKE.....	Cornish.

## SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, JR.....	Portland.
EDWARD C. REYNOLDS.....	South Portland.
CYRUS S. WITHAM.....	Raymond.
MATTHEW C. MORRILL.....	Gray.

## THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

OLCOTT B. POOR.....	Andover.
JOHN A. ROBERTS.....	Norway.

## FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

ALBERT R. SAVAGE.....	Auburn.
J. WESLEY MAXWELL.....	Webster.

## FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

NATHAN U. HINKLEY.....	Phillips.
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## SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

M. H. FERGUSON.....	Phippsburg.
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## SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

MARTIN L. REYNOLDS.....	Sidney.
OLIVER B. CLASON.....	Gardiner.
PERHAM S. HEALD.....	Waterville.

## EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

MILTON L. MERRILL.....	St. Albans.
TILSON D. SALLEY.....	Madison.

## NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

WILLIS E. PARSONS.....	Foxcroft.
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TENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

WILLIAM ENGEL.....Bangor.  
A. R. DAY.....Corinna.  
EDGAR B. WEEKS.....Old Town.

ELEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

HENRY H. CHAMBERLAIN.....Bristol.

TWELFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

FREDERICK S. WALLS.....Vinalhaven.

THIRTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

A. J. BILLINGS.....Freedom.

FOURTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

GILBERT E. SIMPSON.....Sullivan.  
RUFUS P. GRINDLE.....Bluehill.

FIFTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

CHARLES A. McCULLOUGH.....Calais.  
EDGAR A. WYMAN.....Milbridge.

SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

LOUIS C. STEARNS.....Caribou.  
HENRY C. SHARP.....Monticello.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this sixth day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN,

*Secretary of State.*

And the roll being called, the following Senators-elect responded to their names:

Messrs. Billings, Chamberlain, Clason, Day, Drummond, Engel, Ferguson, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Merrill, Morrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Edward C.

Reynolds, Martin L. Reynolds, Roberts, Salley, Savage, Sharp, Simpson, Stearns, Walls, Weeks, Witham, Wyman.

And a quorum of Senators-elect was present.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland,

That Senator-elect was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that a quorum of Senators-elect to the Sixty-Eighth Legislature is present in the Senate Chamber, ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Drummond subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor was pleased to reply that he would attend upon the Senators-elect forthwith for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

Thereupon the Governor, attended by the Council and Heads of Departments, came in, before whom the Senators-elect took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution.

The Governor and suite then withdrew.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot,

Messrs. Weeks of Penobscot,

Heald of Kennebec,

McCullough of Washington,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for President of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, Mr. Weeks from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	29
Necessary for a choice.....	15
Albert R. Day had.....	29

The report was read and accepted and Hon. Albert R. Day of Penobscot was declared elected President of the Senate for the term consisting of the political years of 1897 and 1898.

Mr. Day was conducted to the chair by Mr. Engel of Penobscot and Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows:

Fellow Senators: Allow me to extend to you my sincere thanks for this great honor conferred upon me. I have no speech to make; I have no advice to give. I feel that as President of this body I am rather a servant than a leader or adviser. I feel that I am weak and not able to perform the duties of this office without assistance, and I enter upon these duties with a full sense and knowledge of my weakness. But I know you all, the most of you personally. I know that you are strong, kind and indulgent, and I know that when I am in doubt and perplexity willing hands will be stretched out to help me over the hard places. It is with this belief and assurance that I now accept this high position to which you have raised me. Senators, the chair awaits your pleasure.

On motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin,

Messrs. Maxwell of Androscoggin,

Hurd of York,

Wyman of Washington,

were appointed committee to receive, sort and count votes for Secretary of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, Mr. Maxwell from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	30
Necessary for a choice.....	16
Kendall M. Dunbar had.....	30

The report was read and accepted, and Kendall M. Dunbar of Damariscotta declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the political years of 1897 and 1898.

On motion of Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

That Senator was directed by the President to conduct the Secretary-elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of taking and subscribing the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Clason subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Kendall M. Dunbar had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR,

*Secretary of the Senate of 1895-'96.*

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,  
 Messrs. Walls of Knox,  
 Witham of Cumberland,  
 Poor of Oxford,  
 were appointed committee to receive, sort and count votes for  
 Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	28
Necessary for a choice.....	15
Amos K. Butler had.....	28

The report was accepted and Amos K. Butler of Avon declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate for the years 1897 and 1898.

Mr. Butler subsequently appeared and took and subscribed the oaths of office before Abel D. Russell, Esq., authorized *dedimus potestatem*.

On motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York,  
 Messrs. Hargraves of York,  
 Sharp of Aroostook,  
 Simpson of Hancock,  
 were appointed committee to receive, sort and count votes for  
 Messenger of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	29
Necessary for a choice.....	15
Charles H. Lovejoy had.....	29

The report was accepted, and Charles H. Lovejoy of Sidney declared elected Messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. SIMPSON of Hancock,  
 Messrs. Simpson of Hancock,  
 Roberts of Oxford,  
 Pike of York,  
 were appointed committee to receive, sort and count votes for  
 Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	30
Necessary for a choice.....	16
James F. Ashford had.....	30

The report was accepted, and James F. Ashford of Windsor declared elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland,

Messrs. Morrill of Cumberland,  
Hinkley of Franklin,  
Billings of Waldo,

were appointed committee to receive, sort and count votes for Folder of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	29
Necessary for a choice.....	15
A. B. T. Chadbourne had.....	29

The report was accepted and A. B. T. Chadbourne of Dixmont declared elected Folder of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec,

Messrs. Reynolds of Kennebec,  
Engel of Penobscot,  
Salley of Somerset,

were appointed committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Folder of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	27
Necessary for a choice.....	14
John A. Burton had.....	27

The report was accepted and John A. Burton of Corinna declared elected Assistant Folder of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc,

Messrs. Ferguson of Sagadahoc,  
Reynolds of Cumberland,  
Merrill of Somerset,

were appointed committee to receive, sort and count votes for Doorkeeper of the Senate.

Having attended to the duty, the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	28
Necessary for a choice.....	15
Charles L. Favour had.....	28

The report was accepted and Charles L. Favour of Kittery declared elected Doorkeeper of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington,

*Ordered*, That a Mail Carrier be appointed by the President of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, with the compensation fixed at the same amount as that paid to the Messenger of the Senate.

The President appointed Simeon A. Holden of Tremont as Mail Carrier.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint two Pages for the Senate.

The President appointed Walter B. Clarke of Nobleboro and Maurice W. Russell of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council informing the Executive Department that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. Albert R. Day of Penobscot as President, Kendall M. Dunbar as Secretary and Amos K. Butler as Assistant Secretary.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis,

That Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. Albert R. Day of Penobscot as President, Kendall M. Dunbar as Secretary and Amos K. Butler as Assistant Secretary.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President, to whom the returns of votes for Senators for the

political years of 1897 and 1898 shall be referred for examination and report.

Read and passed, and

Messrs. Stearns of Aroostook,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Morrill of Cumberland,  
Ferguson of Sagadahoc,  
Drummond of Cumberland,  
Chamberlain of Lincoln,  
Wyman of Washington,

were appointed said committee.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years of 1897 and 1898 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Read and passed, and

Messrs. Clason of Kennebec,  
Pike of York,  
Reynolds of Cumberland,  
Sharp of Aroostook,  
Hinkley of Franklin,  
Roberts of Oxford,  
Merrill of Somerset,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, with Messrs. Whelden of Portland, Briggs of Auburn, Gilman of Houlton, Blanchard of Wilton, Hutchins of Penobscot, Searls of Chelsea, McIntire of Rockport, York of Nobleboro, Rounds of Paris, Floyd of Brewer, Guernsey of Dover, Purinton of Topsham, Burse of Pittsfield, Martin of Liberty, Pattangall of Machias, Gowell of Berwick, joined by that branch.

On motion by Mr. HURD of York,

*Ordered*, That the Rules and Orders of 1895 be the rules and Orders of the Senate until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate have printed 150 diagrams of the Senate Chamber for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare the usual Senate Register, and that 800 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish to each Senator and officer of the Senate, one copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal and two other daily papers published in this State such as each member may select.

On motion by Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains in rotation, during the present session.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot,

*Ordered*, That the Messenger of the Senate be instructed to keep open wood fires burning in each of the fireplaces in the Senate Chamber during the sessions of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to place in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, four copies of the Revised Statutes of the State, one copy each of Webster's International and Worcester's Unabridged Dictionaries, Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, and Reed's Rules.

On motion by Mr. SALLEY of Somerset,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to provide each member and officer of the Senate with a copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1895.

On motion by Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc,

*Ordered*, That the Senate hold one session a day, commencing at ten o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Which several orders were read and passed.



On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Joint Rules and Orders of 1895 and 1896 be adopted as the Rules and Orders of this Legislature, until otherwise ordered.

Which was read and passed and sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order was returned from the House, that branch concurring in its passage.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Knowlton of Portland, conveying the information that the House had organized by the choice of Hon. Seth L. Larabee of Portland as Speaker, W. S. Cotton as Clerk, and E. M. Thompson as Assistant Clerk.

The following communications were received from the office of the Secretary of State:

*To the President of the Senate:*

I have the honor to transmit herewith the official returns of the votes cast for Senators, at the September election, 1896.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN,

*Secretary of State.*

Which was read and with the returns, referred to the Committee on Senatorial Vote.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to transmit herewith the official returns of votes for Governor cast at the September election, 1896.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN,

*Secretary of State.*

Which was read and with the returns referred to the Committee on Gubernatorial Vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 7, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wyman of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. STEARNS of the committee to which was referred the examination and counting of the Senatorial votes, submitted the following report:

STATE OF MAINE.

The committee to which was referred the returns of the votes cast for Senators in the several Senatorial Districts at the State election held September 14th, 1896, have attended to their duty and ask leave to report as follows:

The following persons have received a plurality of the votes cast in their respective Senatorial Districts, and are therefore elected Senators, namely:

FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Frank H. Hargraves, Buxton.

Daniel A. Hurd, North Berwick.

LeRoy F. Pike, Cornish.

SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Matthew C. Morrill, Gray.

Josiah H. Drummond, Jr., Portland.

Edward C. Reynolds, South Portland.

Cyrus S. Witham, Raymond.

THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

John A. Roberts, Norway.

Olcott B. Poor, Andover.

FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Albert R. Savage, Auburn.

J. Wesley Maxwell, Webster.

FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Nathan U. Hinkley, Phillips.

SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

M. H. Ferguson, Phippsburg.

SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Martin L. Reynolds, Sidney.

Oliver B. Clason, Gardiner.

Perham S. Heald, Waterville.

EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Milton L. Merrill, St. Albans.

Tilson D. Salley, Madison.

NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Willis E. Parsons, Foxcroft.

TENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

William Engel, Bangor.

Edgar B. Weeks, Old Town.

A. R. Day, Corinna.

ELEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Henry H. Chamberlain, Bristol.

TWELFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Frederick S. Walls, Vinalhaven.

THIRTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

A. J. Billings, Freedom.

FOURTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Gilbert E. Simpson, Sullivan.

Rufus P. Grindle, Bluehill.

FIFTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Charles A. McCullough, Calais.

Edgar A. Wyman, Milbridge.

## SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Louis C. Stearns, Caribou.

Henry C. Sharp, Monticello.

[Signed]

Louis C. Stearns,  
 A. J. Billings,  
 Matthew C. Morrill,  
 M. H. Ferguson,  
 Josiah H. Drummond, Jr.,  
 Henry H. Chamberlain,  
 Edgar A. Wyman,

*Committee.*

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. CLASON from the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, submitted the following report:

## STATE OF MAINE.

January 6, 1897.

The Joint Select Committee on returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years of 1897 and 1898 has attended to its duties and asks leave to report that the whole number of votes returned for Governor is.....

.....	123,804
Llewellyn Powers has.....	82,742
Melvin F. Frank has.....	34,419
Ammi S. Ladd has.....	2,696
Luther C. Bateman has.....	3,306
William H. Clifford has.....	610
Scattering .....	31

And Llewellyn Powers having a plurality of all the votes returned is duly elected Governor for the current political years 1897 and 1898.

OLIVER B. CLASON,  
*Chairman on part of Senate.*

WILBUR C. WHELDEN,  
*Chairman on part of House.*

Your committee further report that the above totals do not include the vote of the town of Littleton which is returned as follows:

For Governor, Powers had.....	134
Frank had .....	34
Ladd had .....	18

Your committee beg leave to leave the disposal of this vote to the decision of the Legislature.

OLIVER B. CLASON,  
*Chairman on part of Senate.*

WILBUR C. WHELDEN,  
*Chairman on part of House.*

The report was read and Mr. CLASON of Kennebec offered the following amendment:

Add 186 to the total number of votes so that it shall read 123,990. Add 134 to the number of votes for Llewellyn Powers, so that it shall read 82,876. Add 34 to the number of votes for Melvin P. Frank so it shall read 34,453. Add 18 to vote of Ammi S. Ladd so it shall read 2,714."

The amendment was adopted, and the report accepted as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President called Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin to the chair and offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in recognition of the services of Henry B. Cleaves during the past four years as executive of our State, the Senate of Maine tenders him in behalf of the citizens of Maine the sincere appreciation, respect and esteem of our people. Able and conscientious in the performance of his duties, devoted to the interests of our State, regardful for the welfare and prosperity of our people, solicitous for the interests of her institutions, ever laboring for the development of the diversified industries of the State and for her advancement, he retires from his official position with the confidence and regard of all our citizens and with their wishes for a prosperous and happy future.

The resolution was read and by a rising vote unanimously adopted.

The President resumed the chair.

The following communications were received from the Executive Department:

STATE OF MAINE,  
Executive Department,  
Augusta, January 6, 1897.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Legislature, report of commissioners appointed under the provisions of chapter 138 of the laws of 1895, relating to the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, with accompanying drafts of bills.

[Signed]

HENRY B. CLEAVES.

The communication was read and with the accompanying report and drafts of bills laid on the table to be printed, pending reference, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE,  
Executive Department,  
Augusta, January 6, 1897.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

In compliance with the Constitution of the State, I herewith communicate to the Legislature each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted in 1895 and 1896, giving the name of the convict, the crime of which he was convicted, the sentence, the date of reprieve, remission, commutation or pardon, and the conditions, if any, upon which the same was granted.

[Signed]

HENRY B. CLEAVES.

The communication was read and with the accompanying communication laid on the table to be printed pending reference, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

STATE OF MAINE,  
Office of Secretary of State,  
Augusta, January 6, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:*

I have the honor to herewith transmit the report of the commissioners upon the establishment of a new normal school.

Very respectfully,

[Signed]

Your obedient servant,  
NICHOLAS FESSENDEN,  
*Secretary of State.*

The communication was read and with the accompanying report laid on the table to be printed, pending reference, on motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

Which was read and passed, and  
Messrs. Stearns of Aroostook,  
Parsons of Piscataquis,  
Drummond of Cumberland,  
were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order came back from the House with the following members joined on the part of that branch:

Messrs. Palmer of Bangor,  
Forest of Lewiston,  
Macomber of Augusta,  
Thompson of Standish,  
Murchie of Calais.

Mr. Stearns of the committee subsequently reported that they had waited upon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, Governor-elect, and he was pleased to reply that he accepted the office and would attend upon the Legislature at such time as may be assigned, for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature forthwith in the hall of the House, for the purpose of administering to the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Which was read and passed and the President directed the Secretary to convey the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House by Mr. Cotton, its Clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition.

The Senate then proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, where a convention was formed.

### IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

Messrs. Clason of Kennebec,

Ferguson of Sagadahoc, of the Senate,

Floyd of Brewer,

Philbrook of Waterville,

Moore of Deering,

Gilman of Houlton,

Starbird of Litchfield, of the House,

were appointed a committee to wait upon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, Governor-elect, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in convention assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives, ready to administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Clason subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Governor-elect was pleased to say that he was ready to take the necessary oaths of office, and would forthwith attend upon the convention.

Thereupon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, Governor-elect, attended by the Executive Council and Heads of Departments, came in, and, in presence of both branches of the Legislature, in Convention assembled, before the President of the Senate, Hon. Albert R. Day, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary of State, Hon. Nicholas Fessenden, then made the following proclamation:



## PROCLAMATION.

The votes given in on the fourteenth day of September last in the cities, towns and plantations of the State, for Governor, the returns of which have been made to the office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature, which has declared that a plurality thereof were given to Llewellyn Powers, and that he is duly elected, and he having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State, who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that Llewellyn Powers is Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his lawful acts and commands as such.

## GOD SAVE THE STATE OF MAINE.

The President of the Convention then announced to the Governor that they were prepared to listen to any communication which he desired to make.

Thereupon the Governor addressed the Convention as follows:

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Called and chosen by the voters of the State of Maine to legislate in and for their interests and welfare, during the years 1897 and 1898, we have, one and all of us I sincerely believe, accepted this trust and duty, with a proper appreciation of its importance and many responsibilities; and also with a special determination that whatever has been committed to us to do shall be performed with strict fidelity and unselfish devotion.

At the commencement of this new year we have very much for which to be truly thankful. Our people have been and are to-day signally blest with peace, plenty, and general health and happiness. During the past year the products of our farms have been the most fruitful ever known. The skies are already brightening in our State and Nation with the promise of greater coming industrial prosperity. The clouds of depression and

distrust, that have to a great extent injured and paralyzed our industries, are, we hope, fast melting away, and we even now perceive evidences of the dawning of the day when we shall reap and enjoy the beneficial effects, resulting from the recent verdict of the American people in favor of sound currency, protection and good government. Certainly we have escaped all immediate danger of partial repudiation of our public and private indebtedness and practical confiscation of the assets of the industrious and saving. I have an abiding faith that with confidence restored, prosperity and enterprise will ere long once more return to rule and bless our land.

Maine during the past four years has had a steady, though not rapid growth, and has been moving onward in the right direction, building railroads, and developing some of our vast resources, and I believe that I may confidently predict that the immediate future has in store for us much better and greater progress than we have ever before realized or enjoyed.

Our young men have, very generally, ceased to emigrate to the far West as soon as they are old enough to commence life for themselves. They are beginning to learn and realize the important truth, that at home are to be found more certain inducements and advantages, with much less of hardship, suffering and privation.

Our people have learned, in the stern school of experience, to their sorrow and cost, that a large part of the many millions of money that have been sent westward to enrich and build up that section, and to be invested in all sorts of wild and visionary schemes, will never be returned to them again; and they will no longer permit themselves to be deluded and deceived by specious pretences and false promises rarely ever to be realized. We may therefore reasonably hope that their savings, hereafter, will be largely employed in more fully developing the resources of our own State.

It is sad to contemplate what vast strides we might have made in material prosperity, wealth, and population, if the large sums that have been sent abroad and lost, had been kept at home and

carefully invested in legitimate enterprises here. For there were, and are, ample opportunities to use this money in Maine. Factories and mills might now be using our magnificent water powers which are running to waste.

To check this tendency, and to induce our savings banks to invest more largely in Maine, the Legislature of 1893 enacted a law,—which action I cheerfully and gladly supported,—providing for a lighter tax on home investments thereafter made. At the time of its passage I believed the discrimination to be good policy—but too small. I am more firmly convinced of it now than I was then.

The promise of large interests or profits is easily and often made by those who can only repay either principal or interest in case some deal or utopian scheme shall succeed, and yet these flattering assurances have too often found confiding individuals and institutions who have been induced to place faith in them.

We can with confidence call the attention of capital everywhere to the bright prospects and many undeveloped resources of our State, and to the certainty that all investors and investments will not suffer from unfriendly legislation, and will be fairly and equitably treated and protected by equal, just, and wise laws.

We point with just pride and gratification to our State, to its position, past and present, in the councils of the Nation. We have a good soil, a healthy and invigorating climate, an unrivaled seacoast, excellent harbors, splendid scenery, beautiful lakes and rivers, extensive and magnificent forests, and a general diffusion of education and knowledge free to all. In none is the standard of excellence and intelligence higher.

Every person within our borders enjoys fully the blessings of personal liberty and individual security.

Our many miles of seacoast, with its cool bracing air in mid-summer, dotted o'er with comfortable and often elegant summer cottages and hotels, indented with numerous harbors, bays, and inlets, present to the summer tourist or resident unrivaled advantages and attractions.

Our vast forests abound with moose, deer, caribou, and other game. Our streams, lakes, rivers, and bays, well stocked with many varieties of fish, offer to sportsmen unequaled attractions, and bring, with each recurring year, large and steadily increasing numbers of people, whose sojourn here is pleasant, healthful, and beneficial to themselves and profitable to many of our own citizens.

Certainly it would seem that we have ample inducements to retain our own people, and to draw those to us from other lands who are desirable and worthy to enjoy these advantages with us.

The burdens of taxation in most of our towns are comparatively light, but must necessarily be somewhat commensurate with the privileges enjoyed. We cannot reasonably expect to have good schools, good roads, good municipal government, and all the comforts and blessings of a highly civilized community, without paying for them, and I believe that the tax payers, generally, are willing to do so. They do, however, rightly insist that the assessment, as far as possible, be made to bear equally and equitably upon all property and residents. People do not complain of taxation which is burdensome, if they are convinced of its necessity and equality. We had ample evidence of this during, and for a time after, the close of the late Civil War.

It is sometimes said that if certain species of property is taxed the possessors or owners will leave the State. It is not worth while to bribe such men to stay here by omitting to tax them or their assets. The man who will not willingly bear his fair share, but desires to load it upon his neighbors, we can well spare.

All farms, timber lands, mills, factories, railroads, and the like are certain to be included in the tax gatherer's list, and should not be compelled to pay unreasonably high taxes by reason of other assessable property escaping taxation.

In this connection I would urgently impress upon this Legislature the advisability of going slow and using great care in exempting property from taxation. The tendency in this direc-

tion should be checked. It was one of the greatest evils of the middle ages.

To exempt or to fail to tax is simply to add so much more to the amount placed upon property which is included in the lists; and often this additional burden is placed upon property that can ill afford to bear it.

The biennial State Valuation of the State Board of Assessors will contain very important information for your consideration. It will show a steady though not very large increase in wealth, and, judging by the increase in the number of polls, there must have been an additional increase in population of 15,000 in the last two years.

The wisdom of the Legislature in creating this Board has been fully justified by experience and the faithful work it has done.

Under the old system once in ten years only were values equalized and changed. Under the new this takes place every two years and keeps the amount of tax assessed more equitable and proportionate to the value of property in the various cities and towns.

Now our valuations, upon which State and county taxes are assessed, readily respond to and are based upon any changes in value very soon after they occur.

I am glad to know that the Board of Assessors have not so much endeavored to be able to show a large increase in wealth as to more thoroughly equalize the values placed upon property, and it is gratifying to learn that, acting under this rule, notwithstanding a large deduction of \$3,814,535.00 from vessel property, which they were compelled to make under the shipping act of 1895, they are still able to report an increase in these times of depression of \$4,022,628.00.

In the end there can be no doubt that it is the part of wisdom not to create imaginary values on paper, but to act under the rule, which has guided the assessors in making their valuation, that no property should be valued beyond what it is reasonably worth.

We should not, for the sake of showing prosperity or increased wealth, raise values beyond what the facts will warrant.

This Board of State Assessors, ever since its creation, has, as all well know who have had personal intercourse with and business before them, endeavored to do their duty with great fidelity and fairness to all the various property interests of the State.

They found grave inequalities which they have, as far as they reasonably could, corrected, so as to promote equal and just taxation.

The task before them, to obtain an equitable and just valuation, which should do injustice to no interests and no class of property, has been one difficult to perform; but they have been equal to it, and the people are very generally well satisfied with their conclusions.

I think the State owes to them very much for the impartial, patient, and intelligent investigation which they have given to the many important questions that have come before them, and the eminently fair and just conclusions at which they have arrived.

This Board is of so much importance—it being very desirable that all should have confidence in it—that I know you will see to it that none but men of ability, sound judgment, strict integrity, and business experience shall be selected to act as members of it.

The people should have as implicit reliance in this Board of State Assessors, and should feel as much confidence in the correctness and justice of their conclusions, as they do in the Judiciary of our State, and its standard of integrity should be as high.

#### FINANCES.

The financial condition of our State, its available resources under existing laws, and its probable annual expenditures, is a subject in which one and all of our people have a deep interest and one to which I would urgently invite your careful attention and consideration.

The credit of our State is now, and always has been, upon a very high plane. Its three per cent. bonds always command a premium. The large indebtedness, which was a legacy to us from the war of 1861, has been gradually reduced and paid off until at the present time our bonded debt is, in round numbers, \$2,303,000.00. For several years past it has been extinguished at the rate of \$50,000.00 per annum. Good policy, and a proper regard for future contingencies, demand that we continue during this and next year to pay at least as large an amount.

I shall not at this time, attempt to present to you any extended detailed or itemized exhibit of past or probable future receipts or expenditures.

The reports of the State treasurer, which will be furnished you, and which I trust each of you will carefully examine, will acquaint you with all the necessary data of the past two years, and enable you to form correct conclusions as to the future. They are my sole authority.

But there are certain deductions and conclusions with which I am impressed by an examination of those reports, to which I would invite your best thought and judgment.

The balance in the State treasury at the beginning of the year 1895 was \$458,195.85. The balance there at the present time is, in round numbers, about \$200,000.00. It is very desirable that there should be at all times at least \$100,000.00 to properly carry on its business. The expenditures have exceeded the receipts during the past two years by the large sum of more than \$250,000.00. This has resulted solely from the largely increased appropriations which the last Legislature deemed advisable to make, and from reduced rates of taxation.

The same ratio of receipts and expenditures for the years 1897 and 1898 would create a deficit of more than \$100,000.00. But there is one other important fact to be considered. The receipts for the year 1897 from direct taxation will probably be some \$80,000.00 less than they were in 1895 or 1896, as the tax levied and assessed for 1896 is two and one-fourth mills instead of two and one-half mills which was the rate in 1894 and 1895. The tax assessed for any year is not, to any considerable amount,

collected or paid into the treasury until the following year. Hence the decrease in the amount to be received in the year 1897.

It is my deliberate judgment that, in a time of profound peace, we cannot afford to be continually, year after year, running in debt or having our expenditures exceed our receipts and thus creating a constantly increasing deficit, to be tided over by temporary loans or funded into more permanent ones.

We have arrived at a point where it is imperative that our expenditures must be brought within our income.

It is possible that this Legislature may be able to find some sources from which to derive revenue other than those which we now have; but at present I am unable to designate or recommend any other way than by increasing the ratio of direct taxation.

In the light of present experience there can be no doubt that we must restore the one-fourth mill, which was taken off for 1896 from the rate, and assess two and one-half mills for the years 1897 and 1898. This will be returning to the rate of 1894 and 1895, and as undoubtedly every dollar of the people's money which shall be thus raised will be appropriated to their necessities and respond to a well defined and pressing public need; as it is clear that a most wise and rigid economy imperatively calls for it; I am confident that the tax payers will not seriously complain of this increase.

But should we raise the rate beyond two and one-half mills I fear it might subject us to adverse criticism, and perhaps to the charge of extravagance.

People are very sensitive to a marked increase of taxation unless there is some unusual public exigency demanding it.

It is obvious then to my mind that there must and should be a reduction in the amounts appropriated by you, as compared with two years ago, of near \$125,000.00 per annum.

It is for you to inquire and determine, how and where, this reduction or saving can be made, without crippling or doing serious injury to any State institution or worthy object of State aid.



First, you must scrutinize every measure which will open new avenues to the treasury or create additional expenses, and allow none to pass unless their usefulness and immediate necessity is plain and urgent.

Second, you must, in the exercise of a sound discretion and wise economy, grant no more than is absolutely necessary in all cases where the State is bound to provide in whole or in part.

There were many sums, most of them not very large, but amounting to considerable in the aggregate, all indeed for very worthy and deserving objects, appropriated by the Legislature of 1895, which perhaps you may deem advisable, under our changed conditions and existing circumstances, not to continue, and there were other larger sums which you may decide to cut down to somewhat nearer the amount which has formerly been expended for like purposes.

My experience in legislation leads me to believe that all or nearly all of the institutions and objects, that have heretofore received aid, will return to each succeeding legislature generally asking for increased appropriations.

To comply with all these requests, however plausible may be the reasons assigned for so doing by their advocates, would soon bankrupt the treasury.

You in your judgment will doubtless be able to decide correctly when and where to cut down and curtail or refuse altogether.

I have felt it my duty to call your attention to the actual financial condition, and to suggest generally what rules should guide you in dealing with this subject, rather than to specify or enumerate any particular institution or object where retrenchment should be made.

What I have said, however, I do not intend shall apply to any sums necessary to educate the common people, to support our school system, which we do and should foster with no grudging hand, or to provide or care for the unfortunate, insane, or dependent pensioners of the war of 1861.

It is the imperative duty of this State to see to it that no old soldier, or person immediately dependent upon him, suffers from

want in his declining years. To do this is not to bestow alms; but rather to recognize and discharge a sacred obligation which we owe to those whose valor saved the Republic, and which, from our wealth and resources, we can willingly and cheerfully pay.

You will therefore make such an appropriation for the State Pension Bureau as its necessities shall call for.

### SCHOOLS.

The educational interests of our State are of paramount importance, and should be properly and liberally provided for. The perpetuity and stability of our republican form of government are inseparably connected with, and dependent upon, the general intelligence and enlightened patriotism of our citizens.

Every consideration of duty and safety imperatively demand that all shall have a reasonable opportunity, free of charge, to acquire at least a common school education.

Though the facilities for obtaining in our common schools an elementary and practical education are indeed very good, and doubtless improving each year, they do not fully satisfy or respond to the wants of a large number of students who have the time, the desire, and the ability to pursue a more thorough and extended course of study.

In response to this demand, the State has wisely created a Free High school system, and also established three Normal schools, one in Farmington, one in Gorham and one in Castine. I am confident that very excellent results have been obtained from these High and Normal schools.

We have also changed from what was known as the district to the town system. In many larger towns and cities the change was voluntary. In others the act of the Legislature in 1893 compelled the change. There have been frequent changes in the method of teaching, text books, and manner of supervising our common schools, some of which, it seems to me, have been largely experimental, but on the whole they may have produced some beneficial results, yet the State Superintendent,

and many other gentlemen, who are deeply interested in education, and who have carefully examined into the present condition and workings of our common school system, believe that some radical changes are now necessary in order to be, in our school management and instruction, equal to the demands of the time and the best standards of other states. Certainly the educational system of Maine should be of the very best. The State is expending each year over \$600,000.00 for the purposes of education, and the several towns and cities over \$1,200,000.00 more.

This large sum of money should be used upon business principles and with a view of obtaining the greatest possible good. The purpose and object, however praiseworthy it may be, will not excuse the improper use or needless waste of one dollar, and evidently it is worse than wasted when schools are under the control of incompetent and unsuitable supervisors and teachers, for in such cases it undoubtedly dissipates not only the money, but the time and opportunities of the pupils are lost never to be recalled.

In most instances I am confident that the teachers and supervisors take a commendable interest in looking after the schools. In some cases, especially in our small towns, I am led to believe it may not be so. It is not possible, in the remote and sparsely settled towns and plantations, to have schools of the same high grade, or to keep up to the standards of cities and larger and more wealthy towns. It is claimed, by the friends of education, that the employment of incompetent teachers through favoritism or for some other reason can only be obviated by having all teachers pass an examination before some State board.

For further and more extensive information in reference to the management, condition, and wants of our schools I would refer you to the reports of the present State Superintendent, in which the whole subject is exhaustively treated.

The evils that beset our present system and the advisability of attempting to correct them, or to make any important changes at the present time, will undoubtedly be hereafter presented to your Committee on Education by gentlemen much more familiar with the subject than myself.

## THE INSANE.

Every humane consideration demands that the insane shall receive the greatest possible care, and the best known treatment. These unfortunate people are peculiarly the wards of the State.

I am confident that in the Insane Hospital at Augusta everything is done that the crowded condition permits, that all patients cared for there, have humane and kind attendants, that the medical staff is competent, and we may well congratulate ourselves that under the wise and careful supervision of its excellent Board of Trustees, there has been no whisper of any practices, such as have been discovered in some kindred institutions in other states.

The number of patients has so largely increased of late, and the necessity of another hospital in the near future was so apparent, that several years ago a tract of land was purchased in the city of Bangor for that purpose. Before doing this additions had been made to the hospital in Augusta, from time to time, until it was deemed unwise to continue this policy further, or have any more patients aggregated in one place.

The over-crowded condition of the hospital at Augusta compelled the Legislature of 1895 to take further action and appropriate \$150,000 towards erecting the Eastern Maine Hospital on the lot which had been purchased for that purpose. This hospital is intended, in its construction and equipment, to embody all the best modern thought and improvements. A committee authorized by the Legislature was appointed by Gov. Cleaves to superintend the work. Gentlemen of business experience and integrity, they have, I think, faithfully and wisely expended the sum appropriated. It was not supposed that the sum of \$150,000.00 would complete this undertaking.

It was well understood that the grant would have to be supplemented with other appropriations. The report of this committee will give you in detail full particulars of what has been done, and what they will require to properly continue the work during the years 1897 and 1898. This work must go forward. An appropriation should be made. It is for you to

decide what sum you will give them to expend this year and also what sum for the next.

### INSURANCE.

The reports of the Insurance Commissioner and his recommendations deserve special attention. This question of insurance is one in which very many are deeply interested. Any legislation which can reduce the annual loss must undoubtedly bring lower rates of insurance in time. We are dependent almost wholly on foreign companies for insurance, and the present rates, especially on farm buildings, are so high as to almost prohibit placing policies upon them, in most cases.

There has been considerable legislation on the subject of insurance and yet I doubt if very much has resulted therefrom to insurers or insured.

It would seem that the only way we can hope to obtain the much desired lower rates is to reduce the average loss so as to satisfy the companies that they can give it to us and yet make a reasonable profit.

All then have a personal interest not only in preventing fires, but in ferreting out and punishing any persons who shall willfully burn property to obtain the amounts insured thereon.

### STATE PRISON AND REFORM SCHOOL.

Your joint committees will visit the State Prison and the Reform School, and thoroughly examine everything connected with the workings of these institutions. The reports of the officers who have charge of them will give you a full insight into their condition, the number of persons therein, and the terms for which they have been committed. The general methods of conducting and governing both should be carefully inquired into. Not that I doubt the excellence and correctness of the management in all the departments but I do believe in prisons, reform schools, and insane hospitals, nothing should be taken for granted.

In this connection I would call your attention to the fact that under existing laws, as I understand them, R. S. Chapter 142, a boy of only eight years of age may be, for no very grave offence, sent to the Reform School until he is twenty-one. I believe that no boy eight, ten or twelve years of age should be ever irrevocably sentenced to that institution for so long a term; and I submit that it might be wise to try, at least in case of youthful offenders, the indefinite period.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, ETC.

The Industrial School for Girls will doubtless receive your favorable consideration, and such assistance as shall enable it to effectually carry on the excellent work it is now doing. Nothing can be more meritorious than to help young persons in starting rightly in the race of life.

The State of Maine should continue to liberally provide for and educate the unfortunate deaf, dumb, and blind, and also willingly aid in caring for the children in the military and naval hospital.

There are other institutions, hospitals, and infirmaries which are doing philanthropic and humanitarian work, alleviating suffering, and caring for those who cannot properly care for themselves, that are deserving of judicious and discriminating assistance. I doubt very much if it is best to encourage an increase in their number. It would seem that less expensive and better results might be obtained from smaller numbers, centrally located, easy of access, where the best professional skill could always be relied upon.

#### MAINE STATE COLLEGE.

The Maine State College has been established little more than thirty years. Those who rocked the cradle of its struggling infancy amid doubts, hopes, and fears, must feel gratified at its remarkable and unprecedented growth.

Its trustees and faculty have been unsparing in their efforts and have succeeded beyond their fondest hope.

In 1893 there were 169 students pursuing the several courses of instruction. At present there are 316, with a certain prospect of still further increase in numbers, notwithstanding the requirements for admission have been raised to some extent. This institution of learning was founded for the express purpose of promoting knowledge of agriculture and the mechanic arts, and to enable the industrial classes, so called, to procure a practical education by reducing the expense so that it would be within their reach. It is in fact, a school "of science and technology," where students who desire sound and useful instruction that shall fit them to enter successfully upon the practical duties of life, rather than to sit under the shadow of a great name like that of Harvard or Yale, can obtain it at a very reasonable cost. It is emphatically a college of and for the common people. It deserves and will receive just treatment from your hands.

The State of Maine when it accepted the land grant from the general government entered into certain obligations which we should faithfully discharge.

This college has a permanent endowment fund of \$231,000. The annual interest of which sum I suppose amounts to some \$10,000. It also receives annually from the U. S. about \$22,000.00 for the purpose of instruction and \$15,000 for investigation in agriculture and the sciences.

Its necessities in excess of these sums must be provided for by the State. What further assistance shall be granted it, and for how long a period that grant shall extend, are questions to be settled by you, so as to promote as far as possible the best interests of the college, and, at the same time, not place too heavy a burden on the tax payers.

Its pressing wants and needs and the financial condition of the treasury for the next two years are factors to be considered in determining what you can and will do for this institution.

## NATIONAL GUARD.

There are at present in the State two infantry regiments of National Guard composed of twenty-four companies with the usual staff and line officers; also an ambulance and signal corps containing in all some 1,400 officers, non commissioned officers, and privates. These troops go into camp once each year in Augusta.

The number in camp in 1895 was 1,172. I am informed that the number in 1896 was about the same. In 1891 the number in camp was 771. You will see there has been a marked increase in numbers. I also think there has been equal advancement in discipline and soldierly qualities. The guard has not only increased in numbers but in efficiency, and it is a credit to the State.

All who have visited these annual encampments bear witness that the personnel and soldierly bearing of both regiments are, considering their opportunities, of a very high order. They are composed of intelligent, patriotic young men, largely dependent upon their own efforts for success in life, nearly every one of whom is engaged in some useful vocation. All of them are unswervingly loyal to our State and Nation, and have a deep personal interest in preserving the public peace and maintaining our present enviable position as a State. To attain their present excellent condition in drill and marksmanship they have been obliged to devote, without any expectation of remuneration, much time which they could hardly afford to give.

I think you will concur with me that it is wise and prudent to retain the present numbers and efficiency of the State Guard, and that such sums should be appropriated as are necessary and required for that purpose.

The millennium when swords shall be beaten into ploughshares seems as yet some way off.

I see no special reason that should lead to any increase in our present military establishment, yet as Maine is a border State, it seems to me a prudent foresight would determine that we should have a small but effective military organization to form a nucleus



to rally around in case any emergency should arise, and certainly the present commendable activity of the national government in building a navy and strengthening our coast defences—the possible complications that may at any time arise from the struggle now going on in Cuba for freedom and independence, are indications, and perhaps the coming shadows of future events, which we should not wholly disregard.

The reports of the Adjutant General, and other information which he will furnish you from his office, will advise you more fully as to what the necessities of the service demand; and I have no doubt you will cheerfully grant them.

#### AGRICULTURE, LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES.

Maine is vitally interested in agriculture, lumber and manufactures. Agriculture is the basis of the world's prosperity and wealth. Without it other vocations would cease. It is emphatically the leading and most important industry in our State to-day. A very large part of our people are directly or indirectly interested in it. But I am confident that our agricultural possibilities for improving, by better and more judicious farming, are not as yet fully understood and appreciated even by our own citizens.

Our soil yields larger returns per acre than most of the land in the great farming states of the West. In some sections of Maine cultivation is more difficult and expensive, but this is largely compensated by our nearness to good markets and there are but few sections of other states where the great majority of the farmers possess as good and substantial buildings, are as free from debt, are so prosperous and enjoy so many of the comforts of life as in our own. Yet much more can be accomplished by better and more intelligent methods of cultivation and diversification and proper selection of crops.

Our farmers' institutes are doing excellent work in this direction. They are furnishing much valuable information, and awakening an interest which must produce beneficial results that will more than compensate for all their cost.

Impurity in seeds, especially grass seeds, brought into the State, have done at times great damage by producing crops of noxious weeds instead of grass or grain.

I am inclined to think that something should be done to prevent the sale in our markets of any but reasonably clean seeds. It is not so easy for the average farmer to discover the impurities until it is too late.

It might be well to provide, by appropriate legislation, that there should be some proper inspection and branding of the various grass seeds, mill feeds, etc., imported here, and that they should be marked distinctly what they really are so that no one can be deceived as to what he is purchasing.

In recommending that our farmers and dairy men be protected from fraud along these lines, I think I give expression to the very general wish and desire of a class of men that are certainly entitled to consideration.

Farmers are especially interested in good roads and reasonable freight rates. Our highways in some localities certainly are not what they should be. There are some towns that are not able to make them as desired without aid from the county or State. In some others the money is often injudiciously and improperly expended.

Under existing laws the burden of maintaining roads and building bridges often bears very unequally upon towns and townships, and is anything but proportionate to the benefits conferred.

Correct these inequalities and provide that all road money shall be raised and wisely expended as a prudent man would conduct his own business affairs and you have taken the first, and a very important step towards getting better roads, and responding to a demand which is quite general at present throughout our State.

A careful study of our laws for building and repairing roads, will, I think, convince anyone that they need revision and some radical changes.

It is, however, for you, gentlemen, to determine, after patient investigation, what, if anything, shall be done.

Our railroad service is excellent so far as safety, comfort, and convenience of the travelling public is concerned. Few states, if any, located and settled as ours, can boast better accommodations than we have, and we should indeed be grateful to the men who have the management of our railroads, for their fidelity and constant care and devotion to the public good. Yet I am inclined to the opinion that some of the freight rates are high, compared with what is paid by our competitors in New York and the West, where they have several trunk lines. The greater cost of building and operating here doubtless accounts for a part of this.

This difference in freight often drives our farmers out of our immediate markets by flooding them with the products brought from distant states at much lower cost than we have been able to obtain—a condition alike injurious to the railroads and our citizens, and which I have no doubt the railroads will effectually remedy in the immediate future. They fully realize that it would be a wise, and, in the end the best paying policy, to obviate this as far as possible so that our manufactures by their increased output, and our farmers, by raising larger crops, can compensate for the lower traffic rates with the additional business which would result, and at the same time have the means to travel and more largely patronize the roads.

Certainly the prosperity of the industries and the people of our State, and our railroads are very largely and inseparably connected.

Our lumbering and manufacturing interests are not in as prosperous condition as could be desired. The unprecedentedly low prices since we have been compelled to meet a large foreign competition in our own markets have pressed heavily upon them.

I am not aware that any new cotton or woolen mills have been erected during the past three years, while many of those already built have been compelled to suspend operation or run at a loss.

Under changed tariff conditions we hope, in the not far distant future, to once more see their former prosperous business return. There have been built, however, within a few years several large

pulp and paper mills, and more are in contemplation. These mills have created a new and quite a large demand for spruce and other woods suitable for pulp, and opened a new market for certain kinds of lumber and wood with which our forests abound. This industry, I am confident, is destined to give to Maine very largely the control of the paper production of this country.

Our forests furnish employment for laborers and a home market for a large amount of the products of our farms. They are a source of Maine's wealth, second only to agriculture. Fire is their greatest scourge. All are interested in their preservation.

Any request or recommendation of the Land Agent or Forestry Commissioners, which shall more effectually protect them from destruction by fire, set through carelessness or by design, is of vital importance to all the people of the State as well as to the land owners themselves.

#### LABOR.

The report of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics contains much valuable information. Everything that pertains to the interests and welfare of what is termed the labor class is of special importance to us all.

When the wage earners and industrial classes of any country are constantly and remuneratively employed, that Nation is prosperous and its people contented and happy. I have always believed in and advocated the rights and dignity of labor. I have ever favored all labor organizations designed to promote—by legitimate means,—the welfare of its members. To aid men in securing proper compensation for their services, and a more just division of the product or capital created by them, is praiseworthy and deserves encouragement.

As a rule in the State of Maine there have been no very serious conflicts between employer and employed. We are not cursed with extremes of poverty and wealth; with classes having an almost impassable gulf between them, that look upon each other with mutterings and bitter distrust. All our citizens are, substantially, on the same plane in life. Capital and labor have generally complemented and assisted each other, and we may

reasonably hope that this state of things is to continue in the future. Yet there are some labor problems to be solved even in our State.

Many wage earners are engaged in very hazardous vocations on railroads, steamships, and in some factories and mills. Often they cannot and do not know what dangers and perils surround them.

Every humane consideration demands that the best possible safeguards should be thrown about them; and that employers should exercise the highest degree of care in the selection of everything to be used in and about their work.

Questions of this kind involving the liability of employers, and also questions relating to the number of hours of labor under certain conditions and ages, are still being agitated.

You should not grant legislation in any case because it is demanded by the wage earners on the one side, or refuse it because it is opposed by the employers on the other, but rather in the exercise of a sound discretion, and your unbiased judgment, do what you believe to be just and for the best interests of all concerned.

#### PROHIBITION.

A large majority of the people of our State are thoroughly and conscientiously devoted to the principles and practice of temperance, integrity, morality and virtue as a fundamental policy essential to our best development and growth. They believe that the restraining influence of our prohibitory legislation has had a marked effect in eradicating the evils resulting from the liquor traffic.

Doubtless there has not been a full realization of what the most ardent and enthusiastic advocates of prohibition prophesied and hoped, but certainly great good has been accomplished.

In most of our rural country towns the groggery is a thing of the past; and we are moving in the right direction throughout the State.

It is my conviction that what we need to-day is a more active public sentiment in our larger towns and cities, which will

enforce the laws we now have, rather than additional penalties that will make the enforcement more uncertain and difficult.

We should never forget that it is the certainty and not the severity of punishment that prevents crime. All efforts to increase this healthy public sentiment until it shall utterly root out and banish this blighting curse from our land should receive the cheerful support of all good citizens. We should take no steps backward. Maine, which boasts the proud honor of having been the pioneer in prohibitory legislation, should and will continue to be a prohibition State.

#### SHIPPING.

Not many years ago the building and sailing of ships was one of the most important industries of our State. We still have the timber and the ship yards, but they are largely silent. Then we could boast a splendid merchant marine,—the finest in the world,—owned by American citizens, sailing under the stars and stripes, officered and manned very largely by American seamen and sailors, the sails of which whitened every sea and contested successfully for the carrying trade of the world.

To-day the United States are paying more than \$100,000,-000.00 per annum to foreign vessels and steamships for carrying their merchandise.

I have not time to present the various causes, which, in my judgment, have produced this lamentable condition. But it does seem to me that patriotism, and the best interests of our country, urgently demand that, by proper discrimination and encouragement, this important enterprise should be revived, and work once more resumed in our shipyards along the coast.

A merchant marine would furnish a nursery from which to draw American seamen with which to man our constantly increasing navy.

The Republican National platform and most of the Republican platforms in the various states are pledged to action in this behalf. It is important that something be done and that quickly. The Legislature of 1895 relieved this class of property of very much of the burdens of taxation that it was at that time subject to.

I think we have good reasons to expect that, through our able delegation in Congress, which will gladly do all in its power, effective measures will soon be taken to secure this much needed encouragement and legislation.

#### FISHERIES AND GAME.

During the past two years the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game have used every reasonable effort, and adopted the best known methods of fish culture, to more fully stock our lakes, streams, and rivers with fish suitable for food. They have good reason to hope and believe that success will ultimately crown these endeavors.

Already there has been a marked increase in many rivers and lakes of the several varieties which they are propagating. This work, so plainly beneficial to our State, is deserving reasonable pecuniary aid and support which you will doubtless be pleased to grant.

Under the most prudent and economical management it must necessarily cost considerable sums of money to overcome the many obstacles and replenish our inland waters with fish which shall be attractive to the sportsmen, and also produce excellent food for all.

These commissioners have also for the past two years taken extraordinary care to protect and preserve, especially during close time, the game with which our forests abound, and they have, to a great extent, prevented the indiscriminate and illegal killing of moose, deer, and caribou, which was so common not a very long time ago.

The slaughter by men lumbering in the woods has nearly ceased, and at present most of the guides, woodsmen and settlers upon the outskirts of the forests recognize the wisdom of our game laws and quite generally obey them.

But there are some persons that nothing but the rigid enforcement of these laws will restrain. Hence the evident necessity of having a reasonable number of energetic and efficient game wardens, whom I think should also act as fire wardens, as it is necessary to protect the forests from fire if we would have game at all.

The commissioners' report will be presented to you and explain what has been done, and what they desire to do, and what further legislation, in their opinion, is needed to prevent the destruction and extermination of moose and caribou, and to enable them to properly care for the game in our woods, and replenish our waters with fish.

Many of our best citizens have a deep and abiding interest in this subject. They claim that hunting and fishing in our forest and streams affords a healthy and invigorating pastime free to all our own people; that it also brings many desirable visitors and sportsmen to our State; and is a source of no small revenue and profit. I have great confidence in the correctness of their conclusions.

The sea shore fisheries of our State furnish employment to many thousands of people and should be carefully guarded and protected against any improper methods of fishing so as not to impair their productiveness.

Not only should there be adequate laws and regulations to accomplish this end, but they should be impartially and thoroughly enforced, and the necessary means must be appropriated for so doing.

#### ELECTION LAWS.

The Republican party demands a free and fair ballot and an honest count. There are no more dangerous and reprehensible crimes than those committed against the purity and honesty of elections. This may be accomplished by fraud, intimidation, or virtual disfranchisement of men who have a constitutional right to vote and have their ballots counted.

Substantially the same results may follow if a large number of voters fail, under existing laws and regulations, to cast votes so marked that they can and will be as the law requires. Our system of voting should be such that the average citizen will be able to select and designate his ballot so that it will count for the candidate of his choice.

From some cause there is an alarmingly large number of defective ballots under our present election laws.



From the best attainable information I am convinced that nearly five thousand persons failed to vote correctly at the last September election, and were consequently disfranchised.

This question came before the Legislature of 1895, through a bill drawn by Hon. James W. Bradbury of Augusta. But it was deemed best to give the existing voting laws a further trial and the bill and accompanying papers were therefore referred to this Legislature.

The whole subject will be before you. I have no definite recommendation to make other than earnestly request that you carefully inquire if there cannot be some changes made, that shall afford the people an opportunity to vote with less difficulties, more certainty of having their ballots counted, and at the same time provide the desired secrecy and also safety from intimidation.

In what I have said I do not wish to be understood as in the least opposing the principles upon which the so-called Australian system is based, as they have my sincere approval, but rather to endeavor to find some more satisfactory method of arranging the details.

#### BANKS, ETC.

Our savings banks, trust companies, and loan and building associations are subject to inspection and examination by the State bank examiner. His reports, which you have before you, demonstrate that they are generally in a sound and healthy condition. There are thirty-four State loan and building associations. Confidence in them was perhaps somewhat shaken by the failure of the Granite State Provident Association of New Hampshire, which had many members in all sections of the State. Yet they are doing, I think, a legitimate business, improving in their management, have had a fairly successful year, and are deserving encouragement and patronage.

There has been one additional trust company, but no new savings banks organized, and there has been no failure or suspension of any of our savings banks during the past two years. This speaks well for their faithful and conservative business

management. Yet you should not hesitate to place additional restrictions and safe guards around them, for the further protection of depositors and investors in any of these institutions, if you think their patrons' interest and safety demand it.

I am not prepared to endorse the recommendation of the bank examiner for a reduction of the State tax on savings banks. I am not yet confident of its wisdom or necessity, especially upon investments made outside the State.

I do, however, recognize the fact that a large share of the deposits and assets of these institutions are trust funds, and the hard earned savings of small wage earners, and that any request of these banks should receive from you proper consideration, and they should certainly be relieved, as asked, if the present rates are inequitable or excessive.

#### CORPORATIONS.

Charters conferring special and exclusive privileges, or giving away valuable public franchises, especially where the act of incorporation carries with it the right of eminent domain, and permits the incorporators to take private property for their so called public use, you should scrutinize with great care. They should not be granted solely for individual profit or gain. You should be satisfied, in every instance, that the public good is the principal interest to be served, and that individual or private rights will be amply compensated for any injuries received. I fear that our State has sometimes given away very valuable franchises too readily.

You will have before you, doubtless, many applications for charters which could and should be organized under the general law.

There has been an effort for many years to call a halt. To this end the Constitution was amended so as to require the organization of most corporations under general laws, and ample statutes were provided for so doing. Yet an examination of the acts of the several sessions of the Legislature since that time will show that the volume of private or special legislation is constantly increasing. You should ever keep in view

the Constitutional inhibition against creating corporations by legislative enactment when they can be organized under the general provision for so doing.

Laws which tend to create monopolies or prevent a healthy competition are not wise.

In this connection I would invite your attention to Section 1, Chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1895. This section seems to me to prevent any necessary improvement being made where some prior persons or corporation has merely organized unless you buy it or them off, or get legislative action. I was a member of the Legislature that enacted it.

For some reason it escaped my observation, as I presume it did most of those who were responsible for its passage. As I view it, it contains a novel and sweeping prohibition of almost every public enterprise, until a session of the Legislature shall grant relief,—no matter how much the public convenience may be injured,—in case some rival has located in the same town or city or in some instances in an adjoining one and refuses consent.

I think that you in your judgment will decide that it should be repealed.

The question of the right of the citizen to other or better services,—or to any services at all,—should not be determined by some interested person or corporation that has first attempted to occupy the ground. It should be decided by some impartial tribunal, where the demands of the people shall be heard and respected. The public should not be compelled to wait, perhaps for the space of two years, before they can have an opportunity for a hearing in many cases, no matter how urgent.

I would not, however, advocate interfering with or impairing vested rights where the general public are receiving such services as they have a right to expect.

No corporation should be organized or charter granted merely as a menace to some enterprise already established.

I think that the Legislature acted wisely in providing that, in all cases where it is sought to parallel existing lines of railroad by organizing an electric railroad system under the general

law, that it should not be done, unless the railroad commissioners determine that public convenience and necessity require it.

We should encourage investments in our State, by assurance of protection in the use and enjoyment of all franchises against unnecessary competition, so long as the public are well and faithfully served. But the right of the people to good services at a reasonable price should be more sacred than the claims of any monopoly or corporation.

There is also, I apprehend, a tendency toward too much public legislation. Not every proposed change in our statutes is necessarily an improvement; and the burden should be upon those who ask for them to show their necessity and wisdom.

It is better to be conservative rather than to try doubtful experiments. A people is not always governed best that is legislated for most. In very many instances it is not of so much importance what the law is, as that it be and remain settled so that the people can govern themselves accordingly with a fixed knowledge of its requirements and of their rights and duties.

#### STATE AUDITOR.

I have received several communications from men who have had large experience in our State's affairs, setting forth the necessity of creating the office of State auditor, and also declaring that the State would make a large saving by so doing. I believe that most states have established the office and have a state auditor, whose special duty is to audit all accounts and claims, and draw his warrants upon the state treasury for the amounts found due.

Section 4 of Article 5 of the Constitution provides that the Governor and Council shall draw all warrants of this kind. It would seem to me that if it is desirable to create this office, and establish another bureau, that it might be necessary to submit to the people an amendment to the Constitution in which case we should be able to get an expression of their views upon the subject.

I know full well, that when an office or department is once fastened upon the State, it is almost impossible to get rid of it; though it may have outlived its usefulness and every purpose for which it was originally created. The incumbents, present or prospective, never fail to devise some plausible pretext for its continuance, yet this should not deter us from doing what is absolutely essential to better protect the treasury of the State. But I must express here and now my sincere belief that both good policy, good politics, and strict economy, unmistakably declare that in this time of general depression,—this Legislature so largely Republican, should not,—except for urgent reasons—create a new State office or commission, or increase the salary of any now in existence.

The Constitution of our State declares that the Governor “shall from time to time give the Legislature information of the condition of the State, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may judge expedient.” In this my endeavor to perform that duty I have briefly called your attention to a few of the many subjects upon which it will be your province to deliberate and act. There are many other important, varied, and sometimes conflicting interests of the people which will necessarily demand your impartial consideration.

I may, in the course of this session, should I deem it advisable, communicate to you further suggestions.

A spirit of fairness and impartiality and an earnest purpose to accomplish the greatest attainable good for all, rather than to especially benefit any one section, locality, or class of persons, should guide and control your deliberations, dominate and determine your votes.

Gentlemen, in conclusion let me indulge in the hope and belief, that your assembling here will be pleasant to yourselves, profitable to the State, and that the associations and friendships here formed will be lasting, and among the bright memories of our lives never to be forgotten or regretted.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

At the conclusion of the address the Governor and suite retired and the convention dissolved.

## IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland,  
*Ordered*, That eight hundred copies of the Governor's message  
 be printed for the use of the Senate.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec,  
*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a convention of the two branches of the Legislature forthwith in the hall of the House, for the purpose of electing Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, two State Assessors, State Printer, State Binder, and seven Executive Councillors.

Which was read and passed and the President directed the Secretary to convey the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Cotton, its Clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition.

The Senate then proceeded to the hall of the House, where a convention was formed.

## IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis,

Messrs. Parsons of Piscataquis,  
 Hinkley of Franklin, of the Senate,  
 Hutchinson of Auburn,  
 Smith of Masardis,  
 Maxcy of Gardiner,  
 Rounds of Paris,  
 Austin of Milford, of the House,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Parsons from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	134
Necessary for a choice.....	68
Byron Boyd had.....	134

The report was accepted and Hon. Byron Boyd of Augusta was declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot,

Messrs. Weeks of Penobscot,  
 Pike of York, of the Senate,  
 Jones of Lincoln,  
 Day of Turner,  
 Moore of Deering,  
 Ayer of Vassalboro,  
 Edmunds of Corinth, of the House,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for State Treasurer.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Weeks from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	120
Necessary for choice.....	61
F. M. Simpson had.....	120

The report was accepted and Hon. F. M. Simpson of Carmel was declared duly elected State Treasurer for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

Messrs. Reynolds of Cumberland,  
 Stearns of Aroostook, of the Senate,  
 Rodick of Eden,  
 Jewell of Hallowell,  
 Burton of Union,  
 Smith of Hampden,  
 Dudley of Brookton, of the House,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Reynolds from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	120
Necessary for a choice.....	61
William T. Haines had.....	120

The report was accepted and Hon. William T. Haines of Waterville declared elected Attorney General for the political years of 1897 and 1898.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington,

Messrs. Wyman of Washington,  
Salley of Somerset, of the Senate,  
Young of Hiram,  
Sawyer of Wales,  
Chatto of Brooksville,  
Gagnon of Frenchville,  
Fernald of Levant, of the House.

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for two State Assessors.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Wyman from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	114
Necessary for a choice.....	58
Otis Hayford had.....	114 for six years
William C. Marshall had.....	114 for four years.

The report was accepted and Otis Hayford of Canton declared elected State Assessor for the term of six years, and William C. Marshall of Belfast declared elected State Assessor for the term of four years.

On motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook,

Messrs. Sharp of Aroostook,  
Chamberlain of Lincoln, of the Senate,  
Cox of Randolph,  
Tolman of Carroll,  
Dickey of Fort Kent,  
Kneeland of Searsport,  
Gardner of Dennysville, of the House,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Public Printer.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Sharp from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	105
Necessary for a choice.....	53
Clarence B. Burleigh had.....	105



The report was accepted and Clarence B. Burleigh of Augusta was declared duly elected Public Printer for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset,

Messrs. Merrill of Somerset,

Hurd of York, of the Senate,

Winslow of Portland,

Hancock of Gray,

Lincoln of Perry,

Shepard of Buxton,

Andrews of Garland, of the House,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Public Binder.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Merrill from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	104
Necessary for a choice.....	53
H. E. Smith had.....	104

The report was accepted and H. E. Smith of Augusta was declared elected Public Binder for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington,

Messrs. McCullough of Washington,

Poor of Oxford, of the Senate.

Rowell of Kittery,

Donnell of Bath,

Goodrich of Maxfield,

Fuller of South Portland,

Pope of Manchester, of the House,

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for seven Executive Councillors.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. McCullough from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	107
Necessary for a choice.....	54
Edward S. Marshall had.....	107
E. Dudley Freeman had.....	107

R. C. Boothby had.....	107
Fritz H. Twitchell had.....	107
Elmer P. Spofford had.....	107
Henry W. Mayo had.....	107
V. L. Coffin had.....	107

The report was accepted and Edward S. Marshall of York, E. Dudley Freeman of Yarmouth, R. C. Boothby of Livermore Falls, Fritz H. Twitchell of Bath, Elmer P. Spofford of Deer Isle, Henry W. Mayo of Hampden, and V. L. Coffin of Harrington, declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the political years 1897 and 1898.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the secretary of the convention was directed to notify the Hon. Byron Boyd of his election as Secretary of State, Hon. F. M. Simpson of his election as State Treasurer, Hon. William T. Haines of his election as Attorney General, Hon. Clarence B. Burleigh of his election as Public Printer, Hon. H. E. Smith of his election as Public Binder, severally for the current political years of 1897 and 1898; Hon. Otis Hayford of his election as State Assessor for the term of six years, Hon. William C. Marshall of his election as State Assessor for the term of four years; Hons. Edward S. Marshall, E. Dudley Freeman, R. C. Boothby, Fritz H. Twitchell, Elmer P. Spofford, Henry W. Mayo, and V. L. Coffin, of their election as Executive Councillors for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

The secretary subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him and had received the acceptances of all the gentlemen elected.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

The rules were suspended by unanimous consent and a message was sent to the Councillors-elect, informing them that the two branches of the legislature were in convention and ready to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The President appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Mr. Savage, to convey the message, and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and the

Councillors-elect were pleased to say that they would attend upon the convention forthwith for the purpose indicated.

Thereupon the Hons. Edward S. Marshall, E. Dudley Freeman, R. C. Boothby, Fritz H. Twitchell, Elmer P. Spofford, Henry W. Mayo, and V. L. Coffin came in, and in the presence of both branches of the legislature, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor informing him of the election of Hon. Byron Boyd as Secretary of State, Hon. F. M. Simpson as State Treasurer, Hon. William T. Haines as Attorney General, Hon. Clarence B. Burleigh as Public Printer, Hon. H. E. Smith as Public Binder, severally for the current political years of 1897 and 1898; of Hon. Otis Hayford as State Assessor for the term of six years, Hon. William C. Marshall as State Assessor for the term of four years; and of the election and qualification of Hons. Edward S. Marshall, E. Dudley Freeman, R. C. Boothby, Fritz H. Twitchell, Elmer P. Spofford, Henry W. Mayo, and V. L. Coffin as Executive Councillors for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

The secretary conveyed the message and subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

The purposes for which the convention was formed having been accomplished, it was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the business of the last session of the legislature referred to this, be taken from the files and referred to the appropriate committees.

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to furnish wrappers and postage stamps to each senator and to

the secretary himself, not to exceed ten dollars in amount to each, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of departments of State and other public documents, such as they may desire to mail to citizens of the State.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of Senate make up the pay of Harold R. Smith, the retiring assistant secretary, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for services rendered preparatory to and during the organization of the present legislature and rendered during the present session.

Which were read and passed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday afternoon next at 4.30 o'clock.

Which was read and passed and sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 12, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday, January 7th, read and approved.

On motion by Mr. PIKE of York,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Joint Rules and Orders be amended by adding to the list of Joint Standing Committees, a committee to be called the Committee on Taxation.

Which was read and passed and sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, that branch concurring in its passage.

The President announced the Standing Committees of the Senate as follows:

*On Bills in the Second Reading.*

Messrs. Witham of Cumberland,  
Poor of Oxford,  
Grindle of Hancock,  
Hargraves of York,  
Stearns of Aroostook,  
Wyman of Washington,  
Ferguson of Sagadahoc,  
Maxwell of Androscoggin,  
Merrill of Somerset,  
Heald of Kennebec,  
Parsons of Piscataquis,  
Engel of Penobscot.

*On Engrossed Bills.*

Messrs. Reynolds of Cumberland,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Pike of York,  
Savage of Androscoggin,  
Sharp of Aroostook,  
McCullough of Washington,  
Reynolds of Kennebec,  
Hinkley of Franklin,  
Roberts of Oxford,  
Salley of Somerset,  
Drummond of Cumberland,  
Chamberlain of Lincoln.

Also the Joint Standing Committees on the part of the Senate which were appointed and sent down to the House.

As joined by that branch they are as follows:

*On Judiciary.*

- Messrs. Savage of Androscoggin,  
Stearns of Aroostook,  
Drummond of Cumberland. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Noble of Lewiston,  
Knowlton of Portland,  
Fogler of Rockland,  
Hamilton of Biddeford,  
Weeks of Fairfield,  
Smith of Presque Isle,  
Philbrook of Waterville. —of the House.

*On Legal Affairs.*

- Messrs. Clason of Kennebec,  
Parsons of Piscataquis,  
Reynolds of Cumberland. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Hill of Portland,  
Floyd of Brewer,  
Whelden of Portland,  
Walton of Skowhegan,  
Guernsey of Dover,  
Rowell of Kittery,  
Boynton of Sullivan. —of the House.

*On Financial Affairs.*

- Messrs. Hargraves of York,  
Weeks of Penobscot,  
Merrill of Somerset. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Furbush of Lewiston,  
Williams of Augusta,  
Houghton of Fort Fairfield,  
Stetson of Bangor,  
Burns of Westbrook,  
Simpson of York,  
McIntire of Rockport. —of the House.

*On Federal Relations.*

- Messrs. Simpson of Hancock,  
Hurd of York,  
Savage of Androscoggin. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Sewall of Bath,  
Murray of Pembroke,  
Palmer of Bangor,  
Fuller of South Portland,  
Fernald of Poland,  
Goodrich of Maxfield,  
Prince of Yarmouth. —of the House.

*On Education.*

- Messrs. Walls of Knox,  
Clason of Kennebec,  
Roberts of Oxford. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Burns of Westbrook,  
Blanchard of Wilton,  
Sewall of Bath,  
Pattangall of Machias,  
Gowell of Berwick,  
Gilman of Houlton,  
Levensaler of Thomaston. —of the House.

*On Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.*

- Messrs. Engel of Penobscot,  
Heald of Kennebec,  
McCullough of Washington. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Williams of Augusta,  
Littlefield of Belfast,  
Spear of Rockland,  
Saunders of Ellsworth,  
Murchie of Calais,  
Macomber of Augusta,  
Kaler of Scarboro. —of the House.

*On Commerce.*

- Messrs. Heald of Kennebec,  
Hargraves of York,  
Sharp of Aroostook. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Donnell of Bath,  
Winslow of Portland,  
Shaw of Cumberland,  
Smith of Hampden,  
Coffin of Thorndike,  
Durgin of Orono,  
York of Nobleboro. —of the House.

*On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.*

- Messrs. Parsons of Piscataquis,  
Reynolds of Cumberland,  
Reynolds of Kennebec. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Hutchinson of Auburn,  
Merrill of Portland,  
Pearl of Bangor,  
Talbot of Lewiston,  
Hussey of Guilford,  
Burrill of Corinna,  
Sanborn of Sanford. —of the House.

*On Banks and Banking.*

- Messrs. Hurd of York,  
Drummond of Cumberland,  
Walls of Knox. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Merrill of Portland,  
Maxcy of Gardiner,  
Currier of Farmington,  
Stetson of Bangor,  
Hutchinson of Auburn,  
Peirce of Frankfort,  
Knowlton of Newburg. —of the House.

*On Manufactures.*

- Messrs. Simpson of Hancock,  
Wyman of Washington,  
Maxwell of Androscoggin. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Britton of Bucksport,  
Maxwell of Richmond,  
Shepard of Buxton,  
Robinson of Windham,  
Rowell of Livermore,  
Jones of Lincoln,  
Pope of Manchester. —of the House.

*On Agriculture.*

- Messrs. Merrill of Somerset,  
Reynolds of Kennebec,  
Roberts of Oxford. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Briggs of Auburn,  
Holbrook of Brunswick,  
Thurston of Appleton,  
Mitchell of Newfield,  
Conant of Strong,  
Brown of Milton,  
Bither of Linneus. —of the House.



*On Military Affairs.*

- Messrs. Reynolds of Cumberland,  
Walls of Knox,  
Hargraves of York. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Murray of Pembroke,  
Daggett of Smyrna,  
Starbird of Litchfield,  
Fogg of Freeport,  
Hathorn of Medford,  
Penley of Greenwood,  
Littlefield of Kennebunk. —of the House.

*On Interior Waters.*

- Messrs. Maxwell of Androscoggin,  
Hinkley of Franklin,  
Weeks of Penobscot. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Jones of Lincoln,  
Longley of Old Town,  
Jewell of Hallowell,  
Moore of Deering,  
King of Caribou,  
Young of Hiram,  
Plummer of Lisbon. —of the House.

*On State Lands and State Roads.*

- Messrs. Simpson of Hancock,  
Stearns of Aroostook,  
Engel of Penobscot. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Dudley of Brookton,  
Daggett of Smyrna,  
Moore of Moscow,  
Cook of Casco,  
Sawyer of Wales,  
Goodrich of Maxfield,  
Davis of Steuben. —of the House.

*On Ways and Bridges.*

- Messrs. Salley of Somerset,  
Poor of Oxford,  
Sharp of Aroostook. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Tolman of Carroll,  
Cox of Randolph,  
Fuller of South Portland,  
Dickey of Fort Kent,  
Hurd of Northport,  
Whiting of Norridgewock,  
Holbrook of Brunswick. —of the House.

*On Inland Fisheries and Game.*

- Messrs. Hinkley of Franklin,  
Heald of Kennebec,  
Parsons of Piscataquis. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Durgin of Orono,  
Patten of Amherst,  
Sewall of Bath,  
Davis of Steuben,  
Cushman of Andover,  
Smith of Masardis,  
Staples of Bridgton. —of the House.

*On Shore Fisheries.*

- Messrs. Wyman of Washington,  
Chamberlain of Lincoln,  
Morrill of Cumberland. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Rodick of Eden,  
Mason of Bristol,  
Stevens of Cutler,  
Kneeland of Searsport,  
Thurlow of Deer Isle,  
Littlefield of Vinalhaven,  
Greenleaf of Southport. —of the House.

*On Counties.*

- Messrs. McCullough of Washington,  
Engel of Penobscot,  
Savage of Androscoggin. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Hutchins of Penobscot,  
Dudley of Brookton,  
Edmunds of Corinth,  
Donnell of Bath,  
Golder of Belgrade,  
Sawyer of Wales,  
Cook of Casco. —of the House.

*On Towns.*

- Messrs. Chamberlain of Lincoln,  
Pike of York,  
Poor of Oxford. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Murray of Pembroke,  
Fernald of Poland,  
Britton of Bucksport,  
Austin of Milford,  
Hathaway of Willimantic,  
Hancock of Gray,  
Goodwin of South Berwick. —of the House.

*On Indian Affairs.*

- Messrs. Weeks of Penobscot,  
Wyman of Washington,  
Sharp of Aroostook. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Pattangall of Machias,  
Tolman of Carroll,  
Larrabee of Sebago,  
King of Caribou,  
Golder of Belgrade,  
Coffin of Shapleigh,  
Violette of Van Buren. —of the House.

*On Claims.*

- Messrs. Drummond of Cumberland,  
McCullough of Washington,  
Pike of York. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Gowell of Berwick,  
Day of Turner,  
Luce of New Vineyard,  
Gagnon of Frenchville,  
Smith of Hampden,  
Lincoln of Perry,  
Cram of Mount Vernon. —of the House.

*On Pensions.*

- Messrs. Morrill of Cumberland,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Grindle of Hancock. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Winslow of Portland,  
Wheeler of Gilead,  
Shaw of Saco,  
Hathorn of Medford,  
Garvin of Acton,  
Tarbell of Benton,  
Andrews of Garland. —of the House.

*On Insane Hospital.*

- Messrs. Ferguson of Sagadahoc,  
Reynolds of Kennebec,  
Grindle of Hancock. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Thompson of Standish,  
Currier of Farmington,  
Furbush of Lewiston,  
Wilson of Gorham,  
Palmer of Bangor,  
Newcomb of Eastport,  
Lane of St. George. —of the House.

*On Reform School.*

- Messrs. Ferguson of Sagadahoc,  
Hurd of York,  
Merrill of Somerset. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Blanchard of Wilton,  
Chandler of Bridgewater,  
Robinson of Windham,  
Ayer of Vassalboro,  
Whiting of Norridgewock,  
Shaw of Saco,  
Fernald of Levant. —of the House.

*On State Prison.*

- Messrs. Billings of Waldo,  
Maxwell of Androscoggin,  
Ferguson of Sagadahoc. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Longley of Old Town,  
Burton of Union,  
Chatto of Brooksville,  
Briggs of Auburn,  
Wheeler of Gilead,  
Gardner of Dennysville,  
Kinsman of Cornville. —of the House.

*On Public Buildings and Grounds.*

- Messrs. Stearns of Aroostook,  
Chamberlain of Lincoln,  
Hinkley of Franklin. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Moore of Deering,  
Maxcy of Gardiner,  
Pearl of Bangor,  
Reed of Harmony,  
Garvin of Acton,  
Larrabee of Sebago,  
Pratt of Woodland. —of the House.

*On Library.*

- Messrs. Roberts of Oxford,  
Reynolds of Cumberland,  
Clason of Kennebec. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Floyd of Brewer,  
Knowlton of Portland,  
Patten of Amherst,  
Newcomb of Eastport,  
Gilman of Houlton,  
Guernsey of Dover,  
Whelden of Portland. —of the House.

*On State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.*

- Messrs. Parsons of Piscataquis,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Salley of Somerset. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Talbot of Lewiston,  
Searls of Chelsea,  
Hutchins of Penobscot,  
Houghton of Fort Fairfield,  
Reed of Harmony,  
Martin of Liberty,  
Day of Turner. —of the House.

*On Mines and Mining.*

- Messrs. Grindle of Hancock,  
Witham of Cumberland,  
Salley of Somerset. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Fernald of Levant,  
Purinton of Topsham,  
Prince of Yarmouth,  
Littlefield of Kennebunk,  
Merrill of Bluehill,  
Holmes of Addison,  
Penley of Greenwood. —of the House.

*On Temperance.*

- Messrs. Witham of Cumberland,  
Hargraves of York,  
Morrill of Cumberland. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. Rounds of Paris,  
Burnham of Edgecomb,  
Hamilton of Mattawamkeag,  
Luce of New Vineyard,  
Smith of Masardis,  
Forest of Lewiston,  
Murphy of Lyman. —of the House.

*On Labor.*

- Messrs. Sharp of Aroostook,  
Witham of Cumberland,  
Poor of Oxford. —of the Senate.
- Messrs. O'Neil of Biddeford,  
Forest of Lewiston,  
Burse of Pittsfield,  
Ames of Jefferson,  
Pratt of Woodland,  
Edmunds of Corinth,  
Purinton of Topsham. —of the House.

*On Taxation.*

Messrs. Pike of York,  
 Morrill of Cumberland,  
 Maxwell of Androscoggin. —of the Senate.

Messrs. Whelden of Portland,  
 Pearl of Bangor,  
 Pope of Manchester,  
 Spear of Rockland,  
 Austin of Milford,  
 Talbot of Lewiston,  
 Young of Hiram. —of the House.

Communications were received from the Secretary of State transmitting the following reports:

Report of the State Superintendent of Common Schools for the school year ending June 1, 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The 38th annual report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture for the year 1895,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State, under date of January 1, 1897, signed, Nicholas Fessenden, Secretary of State, submitting suggestions relating to the election laws.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the communication was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the secretary of the Senate be authorized to procure the services of a typewriter during the present session of the Legislature,

Which was read and passed.

Miss Julia M. Folsom of Augusta was appointed.

The following communication was received from the Executive Department:

## STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
 AUGUSTA, January 12, 1897.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

It is with deep feelings of unfeigned sorrow that I announce to you the sudden and unexpected decease of Hon. Daniel F.

Davis of Bangor, who has ably, honorably and faithfully served the State in the House of Representatives, in the Senate and as Governor. He died in Bangor, Saturday morning, January 9, 1897.

He was a man of spotless integrity and marked ability; a genial, warm-hearted gentleman whose name and public services are an honor to our State and will be remembered and cherished by the people.

In every relation of life, in all his large business career, in all the public offices of trust and importance which he has held, strict fidelity and a sincere devotion to duty and right have dominated and determined his acts.

I would suggest that it is indeed fitting and proper that this Legislature take such action as shall be necessary to pay a deserved tribute of respect to his memory.

(Signed)

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

The communication was read and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, to which shall be added the President and Secretary, with such as the House may join, be appointed to attend the funeral services of the late ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis at Bangor, on Wednesday, January 13th, and as a further mark of respect, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Thursday next at 10 o'clock A. M.,

Which was read and passed and the President appointed:

Messrs. Savage of Androscoggin,  
Reynolds of Kennebec,  
McCullough of Washington.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order came up from the House, that branch concurring in its passage and joining the committee as follows:

The Speaker of the House,  
Messrs. Stetson of Bangor,  
Murray of Pembroke,  
Fogler of Rockland,

Messrs. Saunders of Ellsworth,  
Talbot of Lewiston,  
Edmunds of Corinth,  
Jewell of Hallowell.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot,  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, January 14, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

Journal of Tuesday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company;"

Petition of Pepperell Manufacturing Company for increase of capital, with bill accompanying;

Petition of Laconia Company for increase of capital, with bill accompanying;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Maine;"

"Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company;"

Petition of Albion Gates and 25 others in favor of bankers giving bonds;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.



A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the 28th annual report of the Insurance Commissioner,

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company;"

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital;"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to amend Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to Glidden Water Company;"

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester and to authorize the sale of its meeting house and lot;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act in relation to the bonds of trustees and guardians;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn;"

The same Senator presented petition of the city of Auburn for act fixing terms of police officers;

The same Senator presented petition of Geo. M. Coombs for compensation for services in preparing plans and specifications for the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital;

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented petition of Fred E. Richards and others of the city of Portland for legislation relating to the Portland Elevator Company;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to provide for the better protection of public records;"

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Vinal Haven Water Company;"

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Guilford and Sangerville Water Company;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan plantation;"

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinal Haven Telegraph and Telephone Company;"

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented bill "An Act additional to and amendatory of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company;'"

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of V. R. Tuttle, president, and 35 others for extension of charter of Waldo and Somerset Railway Company;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented "Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital," with statement of facts accompanying;

The same Senator presented petition of James Aug. Héaly for aid for St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland;

Which were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented remonstrance of E. F. Bicknell and others of Norway, against making any change on close time for moose, caribou and deer,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of William Thompson and others that certain islands may be set off from the town of Jonesport and annexed to the town of Roque Bluffs,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented "Resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans and the dependent children, parents and

sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors eligible thereto under existing laws;"

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of E. E. Biddell and others of Andover to pension soldiers of the Aroostook war;

Which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor,"

Which was referred to the Androscoggin County Delegation.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of J. Manchester Haynes and 30 others of Augusta;

Of Edwin C. Burleigh and 31 others of Augusta;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of P. O. Vickery, Thomas Leigh, Jr., and 34 others of Augusta;

Of Lendall Titcomb, Oscar Holway and 26 others of Augusta;

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented petition of J. F. Hill and 34 others of Augusta;

Of J. H. Manley and 34 others of Augusta;

Severally for an appropriation sufficient to operate Monmouth fish hatchery and feeding station, and to pay for two wardens in Kennebec county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented "Resolve in favor of the committee of the Senate appointed to attend the funeral of ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis,"

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules, on motion by the same Senator, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of George M. Coombs, inquire into the subject matter of said petition and determine whether said Coombs was legally or equitably entitled to any compensation for services, disbursements or expenses, alleged by him to have been performed, made and incurred by him in behalf of the State, and report by bill, resolve or otherwise,

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the communication from the Executive Department, transmitting a list of the cases of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted in 1895 and 1896, (Senate Document No. 1), was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox, the communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the commissioners upon the establishment of a new normal school, (Senate Document No. 2), was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Education.

In compliance with the order of Tuesday, January 12, the following business of the Legislature of 1895-96, referred to this Legislature, was taken from the files:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act providing for elections with the secret ballot;"

Report of the same committee on order to inquire into the expediency of establishing the office of State Auditor;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on petition of Abel Davis and 48 others of Pittsfield, for a municipal court to be known as the Pittsfield municipal court;

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act in reference to patients in Bangor General Hospital being allowed to designate their physician;"

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act to preserve the purity of public water supplies;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of Dr. T. N. Drake and 14 others of Pittsfield, that all general hospitals receiving State aid shall include on the medical staff of each hospital at least one physician and surgeon of the Homeopathic school of medicine;

Report of the same committee on petition of Elliot Walker and 30 others, that the medical staff of all general hospitals shall include one Homeopathic physician and surgeon;

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act to place the Maine Relief Corps Home at Newport under the control of the State;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Report of the Committee on Education on order to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law making the maintenance of a free high school compulsory in all towns of more than one thousand population;

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act to establish a normal school at Houlton;"

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act to establish an additional normal school at Dexter to be known as the Central Maine State Normal School;"

Report of the same committee on "Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school in Newport;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Central Railroad Company;"

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 378 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to connections between telephone lines;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on order to inquire into the expediency of passing a general law in relation to trust and banking companies,

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of the proprietors of Machias Boom, for revision and alterations of fees and tolls;

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act to establish a sorting boom on Mattawamkeag river;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petitions of the county commissioners of Somerset county and others, James Wood of Starks and others, J. M. Snell of Madison and others, G. E. Snow of Starks and others, L. F. Butler of Anson and others, that aid be given by the State in building a bridge over the Sandy river in the town of Starks,

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of E. Witham and 15 others of Madison, that persons setting traps for bears and wolves at least 200 rods from any highway, pasture or improved land shall not be liable for damage to domestic animals allowed to run at large;

Petition of F. H. Miller and 13 others of Durham, for an act to prohibit the taking of trout from Branch brook and its tributaries in the towns of Durham and Pownal;

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of J. M. Powers and 14 others for an act to prohibit the digging or taking of clams within the limits of Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Brooksville, Brooklin, Bluehill and Castine, between the 20th day of December and the 20th day of February of any year, except for consumption in said towns;

Report of the same committee on petition of W. A. Cochran and 4 others of Edgecomb, that an act be passed granting owners of mill privileges on outlet of Lily pond in Edgecomb a right to construct and maintain a fishway over and around the dam at said outlet and to clear said stream from all obstructions; also protection of alewives in said pond and Parsons Creek, so-called, near Ovens-mouth;

Report of the same committee on petition of F. B. Gross and 83 others of Orland, for the repeal of an act passed at the last Legislature to prevent the destruction of fish in Eastern Penobscot river, Orland;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of Ernest Etenand and 183 others of the towns of Frenchville and Madawaska that the town of Frenchville may be divided;

Report of the same committee, on petition of Thomas S. Golder and 13 others of Rome, that a part of that town be set off and annexed to the town of Belgrade;

Report of the same committee on petition of C. N. Mooers and 50 others of Orneville in the county of Piscataquis, that said town of Orneville be annexed to and made a part of the town of Milo;

Reports "A" and "B" of the same committee, on petition of C. D. Morrill and 38 others, that a part of Madison may be incorporated into a new town;

Petition of W. B. Thurlow and 119 others of Deer Isle, that the southern part of Deer Isle be set off as a new town;

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on three bills "In reference to the chronic insane,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Report of the Committee on Mines and Mining, on bill "An Act to provide for the geological and mineralogical survey of the State,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining. Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HEALD of Kennebec,  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 15, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cummings of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Secretary of State be directed to procure and deliver to each member and officer of both branches of the legislature one copy of Freeman's Supplement to the Revised Statutes.

The Senate concurring that a joint special committee consisting of seven members on the part of the House and three on the part of the Senate to whom shall be referred all petitions, bills, orders and other papers specially relating to salaries.

Which were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to provide for the waiver of jury trials in civil cases in the supreme judicial and superior courts;"

Bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to provide for the incorporation and control of gas and electric companies for lighting, heating, manufacturing and mechanical purposes;'"

Bill "An Act to amend 'An Act establishing a municipal court in the town of Waterville;'"

Bill "An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, relating to the Augusta municipal court;"

Bill "An Act to regulate steam engineering," with petition of Charles C. Hobbs and 130 others of South Berwick, for the passage of the same;

Resolve by city council of Deering favoring the repeal of certain laws of 1895, whereby individual and corporation rights are abridged;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Dexter Water Company;"



Bill "An Act to repeal chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers;"

Petition of W. F. Wight and others for water charter in the town of Warren;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized December 16, 1892, under the Revised Statutes of Maine, chapter 55, as 'The Bangor General Hospital' and now named 'Eastern Maine General Hospital;'"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick;"

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital;"

Petition of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union for an appropriation, with statement accompanying;

Petition of Eastern Maine General Hospital of Bangor for amendment to its charter;

Petition of Eastern Maine General Hospital of Bangor in aid of appropriation;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary;"

"Resolve in favor of the training and normal school at Fort Kent;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Electric Railroad Company to make a loan;"

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Brunswick Electric Railroad Company;"

Bill "An Act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company;"

Petition of Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company, for amendment to certain acts, so as to permit

said company to build tracks, etc., through the towns of Newburg and Dixmont in the county of Penobscot, and towns of Monroe and Searsport in the county of Waldo; also to build through towns of Glenburn, Hermon, Levant, Kenduskeag, Corinth, Charleston, Garland, Stetson and Exeter, in the county of Penobscot, with bill accompanying;

Petition of Hampden and Winterport Railway Company to make legal a meeting of stockholders in regard to change of name to Bangor, Hampden and Winterport Railway, with bill accompanying;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act providing for investment of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State;"

Petition of E. B. Nealley, et als, for amendment of law relating to investment of assets of insurance companies;

Which were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Elijah Walker, formerly colonel of Fourth Maine Regiment,

Of Moses B. Lakeman, formerly colonel of Third Maine Regiment,

Severally for an appropriation for marking a position held by said regiments on the battlefield of Gettysburg,

Which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of B. F. White and others for the repeal of chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to width of tires of wheels on Greenfield road, in town of Greenbush,

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

"Resolve for the purchase of certain photographic views,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Resolutions passed by the city council of Deering asking that no legislation be enacted favoring the annexation of the whole or any part of the city of Deering to the city of Portland;

Petitions of R. F. Crie and 21 others, and of H. W. Young and 33 others, to set off Ragged Island from Matinicus Plantation and incorporate the same as a plantation;

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of F. A. Follett and others that soldiers who lost a limb be exempt from the payment of a poll tax,

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Petition of J. S. Ballard and 13 others of Monmouth and Litchfield;

Of A. W. Plummer and 70 others of Oakland;

Of M. L. Rollins, James E. Blanchard and 12 others of Chelsea;

Of Ronald C. McIlroy and 32 others of Winthrop;

Of Charles H. Austin and 34 others of Belgrade;

Of A. A. Sampson and 26 others of Chelsea;

Of Nathaniel W. Cole and 31 others of Augusta;

Of James E. Kingsley and 32 others of Augusta;

Of Herbert M. Heath, M. V. B. Chase and 34 others of Augusta;

Of W. P. Whitehouse and 33 others of Augusta;

Of Algernon S. Bangs and 32 others of Augusta;

Of Charles H. White and 32 others of Augusta;

Of E. W. Whitehouse and 31 others of Augusta;

Of W. S. Choate, Howard Owen and 28 others of Augusta;

Of M. S. Gordon and 29 others of Vienna;

Of Emery O. Bean and 42 others of Readfield;

Of H. F. Woodward and 35 others of Litchfield;

Of G. H. Lord and 4 others of Wayne;

Of Howard E. Lindsay and 32 others of Monmouth;

Of W. W. Washburn and 24 others of China;

Of H. M. Blake, M. D., and 92 others of Monmouth;

Severally for an appropriation sufficient to operate Monmouth fish hatchery and feeding station, and to pay for two wardens in Kennebec county for the years 1897 and 1898, came from the House, referred to the Kennebec County Delegation;

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the several petitions to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to amend section 38, chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. PIKE of York, presented bill "An Act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset presented petition of the county commissioners of Somerset county for aid in repairing The Forks bridge in said county,

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook presented petition of William Atkins and 39 others of Oxbow;

Of J. A. Clark and 66 others of Caribou;

Each asking for sufficient appropriation for operation of Caribou hatchery and feeding station and suitable warden service for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to migratory fish,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec presented bill "An Act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec,"

Which was referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.  
Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot,

*Ordered*, That a joint special committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to which shall be referred all matters relating to the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital at Bangor.

Which was read and passed and the President appointed:

Messrs. Weeks of Penobscot,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Maxwell of Androscoggin.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order came up from the House, that branch concurring in its passage, and joining the committee as follows:

Messrs. Palmer of Bangor,  
Rodick of Eden,  
Macomber of Augusta,  
Murchie of Calais,  
Austin of Milford,  
Shepard of Buxton,  
Fernald of Poland.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, That a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the Governor's message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees.

Which was read and passed and the President appointed:

Messrs. Stearns of Aroostook,  
Engel of Penobscot,  
Reynolds of Cumberland.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order came up from the House that branch concurring in its passage and joining the committee as follows:

Messrs. Murray of Pembroke,  
Winslow of Portland,

Messrs. Saunders of Ellsworth,  
Starbird of Litchfield,  
Rounds of Paris,  
Golder of Belgrade,  
Goodrich of Maxfield.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to receive proposals from the publishers of the Maine State Year Book for furnishing the State with a sufficient number of copies for the years 1897 and 1898.

Which was read and passed and the President appointed:

Messrs. Chamberlain of Lincoln,  
Parsons of Piscataquis,  
Ferguson of Sagadahoc.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order came up from the House that branch concurring in its passage, and joining the committee as follows:

Messrs. Floyd of Brewer,  
Maxcy of Gardiner,  
Durgin of Orono,  
Davis of Steuben,  
Ayer of Vassalboro,  
Currier of Farmington,  
Day of Turner.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committees on Reform School, State Prison, Insane Hospital, Education, Agriculture, Military Affairs and State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts be authorized to visit the various institutions which they represent.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the State library shall be kept open from eight o'clock A. M. to six o'clock P. M. and from seven o'clock P. M. to ten o'clock P. M. on each day when the legislature is in session, and that the State librarian may employ one person in addition to his regular assistant to enable

him to carry out this order, whose compensation shall be one hundred and fifty dollars.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon, next, at 4.30 o'clock.

Which several orders were read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin the communication from the executive department transmitting report of commissioners appointed under the provisions of chapter 138 of the laws of 1895, relating to the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, with accompanying drafts of bills, (Senate Document No. 3) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec the communication from the office of the Secretary of State submitting suggestions relating to the election laws (Senate Document No. 4) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the votes whereby the petition of J. Manchester Haynes and 30 others of Augusta;

Of Edwin C. Burleigh and 31 others of Augusta;

Of P. O. Vickery, Thomas Leigh, Jr. and 34 others of Augusta;

Of Lendall Titcomb, Oscar Holway and 26 others of Augusta;

Of J. F. Hill and 34 others of Augusta;

Of J. H. Manley and 34 others of Augusta;

Severally for an appropriation sufficient to operate Monmouth fish hatchery and feeding station and to pay for two wardens in Kennebec county for the years 1897 and 1898, were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation, were reconsidered, and the several petitions were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 18, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State is requested and hereby authorized to furnish at the expense of the State such postage stamps and stationery to the clerks of all the joint standing committees and the clerk of the House as may be necessary to the proper discharge of their official duties.

That the Committee on Library inquire into the expediency of establishing a system of travelling libraries, and report by bill, resolve or otherwise.

That the time for the reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Monday, February 1, 1897, and that all petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next legislature, and that the Clerk of the House cause this order to be published in all daily and weekly papers printed in the State.

Which were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine;"

Bill "An Act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation and Express Company;"

Bill "An Act to abolish days of grace, and fix the date of maturity on notes, drafts and other evidences of indebtedness;"

Bill "An Act for the promotion of medical education and the prevention of unauthorized uses of and traffic in dead human bodies;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to secure the secret ballot," came up from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.



On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the bill to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Bangor Children's Home;"

"Resolve in favor of Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of the city of Rockland by John Lovejoy, mayor, for payment of a portion of school fund retained by the State, on account of imperfect school returns;

Petition of R. H. Aldrich and others of Guilford asking an appropriation in aid of Westbrook Seminary;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to expenditures of the railroad commissioners,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to a settling lot in Drew plantation,"

Which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of Robert A. Storey and others of Lincoln plantation for an appropriation in aid of building a bridge across the Magalloway river, on the road location as laid out by the county commissioners;

Petition of S. A. Oliver and 72 others of Carroll;

Of Eben Averill and 61 others of Prentiss;

Of H. J. Brown and 7 others of Springfield;

Of Wilber Grant and 49 others of Kingman;

Severally for State aid in rebuilding bridge at Kingman;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill "An Act further to prevent forest fires, and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish

and game killed and taken in the State, and for the further protection of inland fish and game, and for the registration of guides;"

Petition of Z. J. Snow and others asking that the law be changed relating to the taking of salmon in the waters of the Penobscot river;

Petition of Henry S. Harriman and 61 others of Swanville;

Of J. A. Clement and 52 others of Searsport;

Each that the law relating to close time on trout and salmon, on Swan lake, be extended to October 15th;

Petition of George W. Massury and 66 others of Swanville;

Of J. A. Clement and 52 others of Searsport;

Each that the present law relating to smelts in Swan lake be repealed;

Petition of Roscoe B. Leavitt and 25 others of Limestone;

Of George H. Donham and 13 others of Island Falls;

Of M. S. Hill and 33 others of Easton;

Of P. K. Holman and 51 others of Mars Hill;

Of Seth T. Campbell and 16 others of Island Falls;

Of C. L. Stoddard and 22 others of Perham;

Of Jonathan Hersom and 23 others of Blaine;

Of Jonas Peterson and 24 others of Jemtland;

Of J. M. Brown and 15 others of Eagle Lake;

Of R. W. Shaw and 111 others of Houlton;

Severally asking for sufficient appropriation for operation of Caribou hatchery and feeding station, and sufficient warden service for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of George M. Warren and 72 others, citizens of Hancock county, in regard to the fishing industry of the Bagaduce river,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of M. W. Morgan and 56 others of Orneville, against the annexation of the town of Orneville to the town of Milo,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the State Treasurer:

AUGUSTA, January 18, 1897.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith my official bond as treasurer for the State of Maine for the years 1897 and 1898, for approval by the Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

F. M. SIMPSON.

The communication was read and with the bond referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act additional to chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the descent of personal property;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act authorizing the 'Draper Company' to issue preferred stock, and hold stock and bonds of other corporations;"

The same senator presented petition of Albert W. Paine of Bangor relating to an amendment to chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of E. O. Thayer and 130 others of Gardiner in favor of municipal suffrage for women;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented resolve of the Somerset County Pomona Grange in favor of a more nearly equal adjustment of the school tax, also to promote the efficiency of our public schools,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented resolve of Somerset County Grange in favor of law to prevent the adulteration of seeds;

The same senator presented resolve of the Somerset County Pomona Grange in favor of the cash versus the labor system for repairing highways;

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented resolve of Somerset County Pomona Grange to prevent fraud in the manufacture and sale of cloth;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented "Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game law and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game;"

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of Frank H. Lyford and 21 others of Auburn;

Of Henry W. Oakes and 28 others of Auburn;

Of Nathan W. Harris and 38 others of Auburn;

Severally for sufficient appropriation to operate Auburn hatchery and feeding station, and suitable warden service for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of W. P. Giddings, M. D., and 149 others of Gardiner, asking for sufficient appropriation for operation of Monmouth hatchery and feeding station and for sufficient warden service in Kennebec county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of F. L. Odlin and 276 others of Lewiston and Auburn;

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented petition of Benj. Burton and 280 others of Union;

Of Pauline Pierpont and 22 others of Washington;  
 Of Mrs. Sylvester Aran and 49 others of Camden;  
 Of Mrs. C. S. Coakley and 19 others of Spruce Head;  
 Of Eva A. Bond and 72 others of Warren;  
 Severally for a reformatory prison for women;  
 Which were referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act providing for elections with the secret ballot," reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs,

Which report was read and accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORRILL from the Committee on Pensions, on "Resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors, eligible thereto under existing laws," reported that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

On motion of Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
 Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 19, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Frost of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game be directed to inquire into the necessity of reimbursing citizens of the State who may have their crops injured by deer, and report by bill or otherwise,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Company;"

Bill "An Act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association;"

Petition of Maria L. Smith and others of Milbridge, of Mrs. A. C. Rogers and 113 others of Pembroke, of Geo. H. Collins and 144 others of Presque Isle, of Chas. F. Parsons and others, for legislation allowing women to vote in municipal elections;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Augusta City Hospital;"

"Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for women and children at Deering;"

"Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland, Maine;"

Petition of Henry B. Cleaves and 10 others; of Mary S. Snow and 60 others of Bangor; of Nicholas Fessenden and 10 others; of Randall D. Bibber and 20 others; of Henry B. Cleaves, Nelson Dingley and 50 others; of Selden Connor and 70 others; for aid for Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland;

Petition of Elizabeth P. Longfellow and 4 others, for an appropriation for the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to public schools;"

"Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland and Oxford counties to aid in the construction of its railway;"

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company;"

Petition of James Pennell and 84 others of Westbrook in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company;"

Bill "An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house in Lake Maranocook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge now existing across the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge across Macwahoc stream, in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook;"

Which were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of J. A. Lee and 79 others for an appropriation sufficient to procure a suitable number of wardens to protect fish and game in Kennebec county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Petition of P. R. Strout and 9 others of Durham for an appropriation sufficient to operate Auburn hatchery and feeding station and suitable warden service for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of J. D. Kimball and 26 others of Gilead, relating to the killing of moose, deer and caribou in Oxford county;

Petition of F. A. Greenwood and 66 others of Mattawamkeag, for a change in the law governing the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river;

Petition of O. D. Lombard and 110 others for close time in Stetson pond in the town of Stetson;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of John Cassidy and 11 others for increase of pension of Robert Johnson of Brewer,

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Maxfield for a mistake in over valuation,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Franklin county to abate the county tax on Perkins plantation,"

Which was referred to the Franklin County Delegation in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the committee appointed by the House to attend the funeral of ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis," came up from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee,

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from the committee of the Executive Council of 1895-1896, appointed by the Governor, under an order of the Legislature, to examine into the affairs of the Maine State College, submitting a report covering a



history of the college, the doings of the trustees, the courses of study, and other matters pertinent to the inquiry,

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the communication was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference.

Communications were received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the following reports:

Sixth annual report of the board of State Assessors, 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Twenty-second annual report of the board of managers and officers of the Industrial School for Girls, 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children;"

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay a railroad track, lease its franchise and other purposes;"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Lincoln County Historical Society;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the Australian ballot,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of Charles Bisbee and 31 others of Peru;

Of J. W. Clark and 28 others of Wilson's Mills;

Of C. T. Poor and 84 others of Andover;

Of C. H. Gilbert and 50 others of Gilbertville;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of S. S. Stearns and 35 others of Norway;

Of M. W. Sampson and 14 others of Norway;

Of F. Cushman and 44 others of Woodstock;

Of Edward E. Hastings and 36 others of Fryeburg;

Severally for an appropriation for warden service in Oxford county for the years 1897 and 1898,

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the Kennebec County Delegation be allowed the use of the Senate Chamber, this Tuesday afternoon, January 19th,

Which was read and passed.

Mr. HEALD from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of F. H. Miller and 13 others of Durham, for an act to prohibit the taking of trout from Branch brook and its tributaries in the towns of Durham and Pownal, reported that the same be referred to the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game,

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolve:

“Resolve in favor of the committee of the Senate appointed to attend the funeral of ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis,”

Which was finally passed in concurrence and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,  
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. Doherty of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. SIMPSON of Hancock, announced the presence in the Senate Chamber of the Hon. Rufus P. Grindle, Senator-elect from Hancock county, and that he was ready to take the necessary oaths of office.

The President requested Senator Simpson to conduct Senator-elect Grindle to the Council Chamber for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths.

Subsequently Senator Simpson reported that he had attended to the duty and that the Hon. Rufus P. Grindle of Hancock had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to ascertain the amount of outstanding bills incurred by reason of the slaughter of animals infected with tuberculosis, exceeding the appropriations that have been made for that purpose, and report a resolve in favor of same,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act giving notaries public jurisdiction throughout the State;"

Bill "An Act to regulate steam engineering and to provide for the examination and licensing of engineers;"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to create a lien on spool lumber and bars;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices;"

Bill "An Act additional to and amendatory to the act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Company;'"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Orono Water Company;"

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference in concurrence.

Petition of William W. Mitchell and 30 others of Deering;

Of Joshua L. Chamberlain and 52 others;

Severally that State aid be given the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland,

Which were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports and to account for receipts and expenditures to the trustees of the State normal schools, on penalty of forfeiting such aid;"

"Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy;"

Petition of the trustees of Lee Normal Academy for appropriation for two years;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Kittery and Eliot Street Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of the same across navigable tide waters;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Franklin, Somerset and Kennebec Railway Company;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company;"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river;"

Petition of H. J. Leach and 88 others, citizens of Bangor and Brewer, for the passage of an act to regulate the length of rafts of logs, which may be run or towed on the Penobscot river;

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill "An Act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips, as amended by the act of 1880, chapter 221;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow to aid in the support of the Babbitt ridge road;"

Petition of C. M. Hill and others of Moscow and vicinity, for an appropriation to repair and improve Babbitt ridge road in the town of Moscow;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of L. Johnson and 158 others of Orono; of V. E. Libby and 187 others of Lincoln; for a change in the law governing the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river;

Petition of Jesse Prentiss and 52 others of Milford for appropriation sufficient to operate a fish hatchery in Penobscot county;

Petition of A. E. Herrick and 80 others of Bethel; of Jonathan Bartlett and 25 others of Stoneham; of D. E. Mills and 19 others of Albany; of J. H. Jewett and 38 others of Waterford; of Daniel Clark and 6 others of Albany; of Edward P. Faunce and 15 others of Oxford; of A. L. Hersey and 30 others of Oxford; of Nathan Reynolds and 38 others of Canton; of John Reed and 14 others of Roxbury; of A. A. Robinson and 5 others of Sumner; of Fred A. Harlow and 41 others of Paris; of F. H. Packard, M. D., and 55 others of West Paris; of Myron Maxim and 25 others of Paris; of E. R. Bachelder and 34 others of Porter;

Severally for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Oxford county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Henry L. Irish and 7 others of Turner for sufficient appropriation to operate Auburn hatchery and feeding station, and suitable warden service for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Edward P. Casey and 76 others of Boothbay; of James E. Beath and 87 others of Boothbay; of Parker Burnham and 68 others of Boothbay; of Henry H. Goudy and 45 others of Bristol; of William Burnham and 83 others of Bristol; of John A. Geyer and 57 others of Bristol, Boothbay and Edgecomb; of Nathan Lamson and 23 others of Edgecomb; of James R. Brown and 45 others of Edgecomb,

Severally that a law may be passed allowing the people of Boothbay, Bristol and Edgecomb to fish for smelts with drag seine in the Damariscotta river between Farnham's Head and Damariscotta bridge,

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the town of Oakfield;"

Petition of J. H. Holden and others of Oakfield plantation, for the incorporation of said plantation into a town;

Petition of George F. Stone and 5 others of Berwick, that they may be set off from the town of Berwick and joined to the town of South Berwick;

Petition of B. S. Chick and 16 others of Berwick, that the petition of George F. Stone and others may be granted;

Petition of E. Hodgdon and 200 others of South Berwick, that the petition of George F. Stone and others may be granted;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Bill of A. J. Cameron for binding and stitching for government of 1878,

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

A communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game for the year 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

A communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State, transmitting the first annual report of the Board of Registration of Medicine, 1895,

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to divide the town of Mechanic Falls into two voting precincts;"

The same Senator presented "Resolve in relation to the claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in defence of the United States;"

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of Mrs. J. D. Graham and 35 others of Rumford Falls;

Of Ellen L. Pierce and 9 others of Hiram;

Of Mrs. George H. Jones and 15 others of Oxford;

Of Mrs. S. E. W. Curtis and 46 others of West Paris;

Of Rev. E. W. Webber and 38 others of Rumford Falls;

Severally in favor of municipal suffrage for women,

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act additional to section 43 of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency proceedings,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented bill "An Act to create a State board of examiners of teachers and to define its duties,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented bill "An Act relating to common schools,"

Which was laid on the table to be printed pending reference, on motion by the same Senator.

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, presented petition of Alvin P. Ricker and 86 others of Paris;

Of William H. Danielson and 57 others of Harrison;

Each in favor of a charter for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of T. S. Damon and 9 others of Auburn;

Of F. C. Mower and 49 others of Auburn;

Each for sufficient appropriation for operation of Auburn hatchery and warden service in Androscoggin county for the years 1897 and 1898,

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented petition of William T. Haines of Waterville and 215 others that sufficient money be appropriated to operate the fish hatcheries in Maine and for suitable warden service;

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of Samuel Vose and 40 others of Madison, for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Somerset county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented petition of Frank L. Clark and 4 others asking for pension for John D. Sawyer of Gray;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of E. A. Barker and 708 others in favor of pensioning Aroostook soldiers and their widows;

Which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented petition of Eugene A. Holmes and 110 others of Caribou and vicinity, for the establishment of a reformatory for women,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that a list of the joint standing committees be printed in the Daily Kennebec Journal until January 31st, for the information of the Legislature and others interested;



On motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committee on Eastern Insane Hospital, with such members of the Senate and House as wish to join, be authorized to visit that institution;

Which were read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be authorized to secure such assistance as may be deemed necessary for the collection of facts relating to appropriations in the possession of other committees,

Which was read and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That all bills reported by committees, creating corporations or granting to corporations or individuals rights of a public nature, be printed,

Which was read and passed.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in relation to the bonds of trustees and guardians," reported that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The President announced the Joint Special Committee on Salaries, which was appointed and sent down to the House.

As joined by that branch the committee is as follows:

Messrs. Engel of Penobscot,

Clason of Kennebec,

Hinkley of Franklin,

—of the Senate.

Messrs. Hutchins of Penobscot,

Young of Hiram,

Plummer of Lisbon,

Wilson of Gorham,

Burton of Union,

Chatto of Brooksville,

Ames of Jefferson,

—of the House.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 21, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Snyder of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the insolvent law, so that no discharge shall be granted except in cases where a dividend is paid,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. T. Hamor and 91 others of Bar Harbor; of William F. Fidd of Danforth and 27 others; asking for such legislation as will enable women to vote in municipal elections;

Petition of R. L. Proctor and 108 others of Waterville, praying for a charter to be granted to the Union Gas and Electric Company;

Petition of Dr. A. L. Hersey and others, committee of the Oxford village corporation, asking for an act to amend section 2 of chapter 169 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, to enlarge their corporate powers;

Petition of the trustees of Alonzo Wing Library Association of Wayne for change of name of said institution;

Petition of E. A. Smith and 100 others of Presque Isle; of Peter C. Keegan and 24 others, members of Aroostook bar; of Joseph W. Gary and others of Caribou; of A. H. Tornquist and 21 others of New Sweden; of Arthur B. Daigle and 11 others of Frenchville; of Israel Ouillette and 11 others of Frenchville; of Fred B. Violette and 18 others of Van Buren; of P. C. Keegan and 68 others of Van Buren; for an additional term of the supreme judicial court at Caribou in Aroostook county;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church;"

Petition of Llewellyn Sanborn and 98 others for a law creating a lien on spool lumber and bars;

Petition of Smith E. Munson and 57 others; of W. H. Pulk and 64 others of Princeton; of D. A. Daggett and 62 others of Brookton; of H. W. Seavey of Crawford and 10 others; of H. W. Flinn and 29 others of Forest City; of T. B. Trott and 34 others of Baring; of Lewis S. Crosby and 19 others of Plantation No. 21; of C. A. Rolfe and 36 others of Princeton; of J. M. Heath and 26 others; of F. A. Bates and 21 others of Princeton; of H. H. Miller and 68 others of Grand Lake Stream; for a labor lien on leather;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve, ex-Governor King monument;"

"Resolve to pay deficiency to James W. Wakefield, State Liquor Commissioner;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Calais Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Howard W. Dodge and 81 others of Clinton in aid of petition of V. R. Tuttle and others praying for an extension of the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railroad,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

"Resolve for the preserving the block house of Fort Kent,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Hinch and Kelley and 16 others, lumbermen; of A. Craig and 20 other lumbermen; that the charter of the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company may be amended,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

"Resolve of the Somerset County Grange, in favor of aid for bridge across the Sandy river in the town of Starks;"

Petition of Joseph Martin of Van Buren and 99 others for State aid to build a bridge in said town;

Petition of Byron Lambert and 98 others; of B. F. Baker and 135 others for aid in building a bridge across Sandy river in the town of Starks;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the repairs of highways and bridges in towns,"

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges,

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to amend section 54, chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 271 of the Public Laws of 1885, as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the number of pounds of white perch and pickerel to be taken;"

Bill "An Act to repeal chapter 503 of the Private and Special Laws of 1828, to regulate the taking of fish in Narraguagus river;"

Petition of Martin Baker of Orrington and 73 others for the repeal of the special laws governing the taking of fish in Swett's pond in Orrington, Field's pond in Orrington, and Brewer's pond in Orrington and Bucksport;

Petition of Joseph B. Cunningham and 128 others for a change in the law with regard to taking salmon in the Penobscot river;

Petition of Fred L. Pratt and 29 others for the same;

Petition of J. F. Sprague and 40 others of Monson in favor of an appropriation of \$8,000 for better warden service in enforcing the game laws in Piscataquis county, and for the propagation of fish in said county;

Petition of Lewis McLellan and 46 others of Gorham, for appropriation for warden service in Cumberland county for 1897 and 1898;

Petition of E. C. Moloney, M. D., and 22 others of Jackman; of L. P. Kinne and 8 others of Holey; of F. W. Bunker and 28 others of Anson; of W. H. Wildes and 63 others of Skowhegan; for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Somerset county for 1897 and 1898;

Petition of C. M. Hazelton and 63 others of Belfast; of F. O. Smith and 24 others of Belfast; of H. P. Thompson and 29 others of Belfast; for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Waldo county for 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Augustus Pease and 29 others of Fayette, for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Kennebec county and for operation of Monmouth hatchery and feeding station for the years 1897 and 1898;

Remonstrance of W. H. Tucker and 88 others of Buckfield; of J. F. Plummer and 116 others of Paris; against any change of the game laws, relating to the killing of deer, moose and caribou in Oxford county;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the packing, marking and sale of domestic sardines;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 144 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the better protection of the lobster fisheries;"

Petition of James C. Rairden and 58 others of Edgecomb, for fish-way to Lily pond in Edgecomb;

Petition of John W. Noble and 103 others, for repeal of the law relating to weir fishing below the breakwater on the St. Croix river;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Arthur H. Beverly and 18 others in favor of setting off part of the town of Whiting, known as village of Gardner Lake, to town of East Machias,

Which was referred to Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Moore and 80 others of Somerville, relating to the refunding of commutation money,

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Matthias A. Cullnan, for increase of pension,

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of A. S. Ladd and 49 others of Calais; of George A. Beckett and 97 others of Belfast; of Joseph M. Long and 94 others of Winthrop; for the establishment of a reformatory prison for women,

Which were referred to the Committee on State Prison in concurrence.

Petition of George E. Johnson and others that the salary of the treasurer of Waldo county be increased,

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on petition of O. D. Lombard and others that a close time may be established on Stetson pond from December 1st to May 1st, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, for the reason that the matter contained in the petition can properly be acted on by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, under the general laws of the State;

Report of the same committee on order relating to reimbursing citizens of the State who may have their crops injured by deer, that legislation is inexpedient;

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent;"

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented bill "An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company and the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway;"

The same Senator presented petition of Mrs. O. M. Mason and others of Bethel, that the age of consent be raised from 14 to 18 years;

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of Ann F. Greeley and 182 others of Ellsworth, in favor of women suffrage in municipal elections;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay and bridges over tide water in the town of Harpswell;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to change the name of the St. Lawrence Street Congregational parish of Portland;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented bill "An Act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of Morrill Glidden and 39 others of Somerville for sufficient warden service in Lincoln county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, presented petition of D. W. Rounds, M. D., and 34 others of Naples for sufficient appropriation for operation of Sebago lake hatchery and for sufficient warden service in Cumberland county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented "Resolve in favor of the town of Monson,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"Resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors, eligible thereto under existing law." (Senate Document No. 5.)

"An Act in relation to the bonds of trustees and guardians." (Senate Document No. 7.)

The resolve and bill were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington,  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, January 22, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing the second and third sentences of section 7 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the return of fines to the municipal officers by judges of municipal courts;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the necessity of moving the register of deeds from the town of Madawaska to Fort Kent in the northern register of deeds office in the county of Aroostook;

That the members of the Legislature from Hancock county be hereby constituted a committee and instructed to inquire into



the expediency of changing the January term of the court of county commissioners so as to conform in time with the January term of the supreme judicial court, and report by bill or otherwise;

The Senate concurring, that a list of the committees of this Legislature together with the order of proceedings and rules of each branch and the joint rules, be printed in pamphlet form, 300 copies for the use of the Senate and 600 copies for the use of the House;

Which were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend rule 4 of section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 155 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to descent of real estate;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 28, chapter 118, of the Revised Statutes, relating to assault and battery;"

Bill "An Act additional to section 21 of chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the removal of executors and administrators;"

Bill "An Act to repeal section 42 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to re-sentencing convicts sentenced to the State Prison;"

Bill "An Act to relieve towns of the unjust burden of supporting non-resident paupers;"

Bill "An Act to amend sections 5 and 20 of chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to waste and trespass on real estate;"

Bill "An Act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of highways;"

Bill "An Act authorizing the city of Eastport to issue bonds;"

Petition of George Fisher, president of the Dexter and New-  
port Railroad Company, in relation to issuing of bonds to be  
guaranteed by the Maine Central Railroad Company, with bill  
accompanying;

Petition of Nancy E. Skillings and 66 others of Peaks Island;  
of Mrs. B. S. Goodwin and 35 others of South Berwick; that the  
age of consent be raised from 14 to 18 years;

Petition of Mary E. Bagley and others of Troy; of Mrs. Sarah A. Clark and others of Stetson; of Edna E. Lamb and others of Lincolnville; of G. B. Michael and others of Stillwater; of Mrs. Cora Furgason and 30 others of South Berwick; of Mrs. Laura E. Turner and 20 others of Bremen; of Mrs. Eva A. Bond and 63 others of Jefferson; for municipal suffrage for women;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company, and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company," with petition accompanying;

Bill "An Act to amend section 73 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the fees of referees;"

Petition of Alwilda S. Martin and 130 others to amend chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, relating to hawkers and peddlers;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine;"

Petition of E. T. Hartwell of Old Town and 54 others; of Horatio D. Crie of Criehaven and 12 others; of Samuel L. Lord of Saco and 28 others; of Jesse Prentiss of Milford and 19 others; of George W. Field of Bangor and 25 others; of Frank N. Beckett of Calais and 20 others; of Cyrus S. Tucker of Norway and 19 others; of Charles H. Hooper of Castine and 23 others; of James A. Pulsifer of Auburn and 15 others; of W. H. Wildes of Skowhegan and 23 others; of William Dobson of Pittsfield and 12 others; of George Cary of Houlton and 26 others; of A. E. Nickerson of Swanville and 26 others; of A. W. King of Ellsworth and 64 others; of Mrs. J. A. Clark of Caribou and 25 others; of James G. Pendleton of Searsport and 27 others; of Matilda Burleigh of South Berwick and 55 others; of John G. Brooks of Belfast and 25 others; of H. Davidson of York and 19 others; of A. S. McPheters of Old Town and 54 others; of A. J. Billings of Freedom and 21 others; of W. B. Arnold of Waterville and 24 others; of John Lovejoy of Rockland and 32

others; for an appropriation of \$2,000 for Girls Home at Belfast;

Petition of Samuel L. Lord of Saco and 28 others, for aid of Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of H. A. Philbrook and 20 others of Orono; of C. M. Waterhouse of Westbrook and 38 others; in favor of an appropriation for the benefit of Westbrook Seminary,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor;"

Petition of A. B. Winslow and 106 others; of Rev. A. D. DeCelles and 112 others in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Forest City for appropriation to aid in building one-half the bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in said town of Forest City,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of the re-building of the bridge over the Corrivean stream in Aroostook county;

Petition of B. F. Dennison of Freeport and 280 others, relative to the removal of trees and shrubbery, growing within the limits of streets and highways;

Petition of Albert Leavitt and others, for aid in building a bridge across Sandy stream in the town of Lexington, Somerset county;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to repeal chapter 101 of the Private and Special Laws of 1857," (relating to the protection of deer on Cross island;)

Bill "An Act relating to the taking of fish in Sunebec pond in Knox county;"

Bill "An Act to protect trout in the Allen brook, so called, in the eastern part of Appleton, Knox county, and its tributaries for a term of three years;"

Petition of J. C. Mead and 23 others of Bridgton; of C. T. Parker and 64 others of Windham for a sufficient appropriation for operation of Sebago hatchery and for warden service in Cumberland county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of W. J. Creamer and 29 others of Penobscot; of W. B. Thurlow and 21 others of Deer Isle; of O. F. Fellows and 29 others of Bucksport and vicinity; of Edwin F. Bartlett and 43 others of Eastbrook; of A. R. Soper and 34 others of Orland; of F. R. Bunker and William H. Parker of Winter Harbor; of C. E. Speerling and 15 others of Cranberry Isles; of J. K. Richardson and 32 others of Deer Isle; for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Hancock county, for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Charles F. Choate and 31 others of North Whitefield; of Thomas B. Moody and 36 others of Jefferson; of George O. Bailey and 29 others of Whitefield; for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Lincoln county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Charles F. Simonds and 30 others of Smithfield; of G. J. Shaw and 24 others of Hartland; for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Somerset county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Samuel Bryant and 163 others of Rockland; of J. S. Foster and 94 others of Rockport; of Benjamin P. Bachelor, Jr., and 32 others of Union; for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Knox county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Hiram Davis and others for a change in the laws permitting the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river;

Petition of E. R. Anderson and 35 others of Hallowell relative to taking of smelts in the Kennebec river;

Petition of D. H. Maloney and others of Orrington for the repeal of the Special Laws governing the taking of fish in

Swett's pond in Orrington, Field's pond in Orrington and Brewer's pond in Orrington and Bucksport;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Silas G. Moore and 92 others against any change in the law relative to the taking of alewives in Lily pond or Cross river, in the town of Edgecomb,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of D. J. Sawyer and 138 others of Jonesport against the dismemberment of the town by setting off islands,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. Belle S. Goodwin and 35 others of South Berwick for such enactments as will lead to the establishment of a reformatory prison for women,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes as amended by various subsequent acts, relating to the salary of the register of probate for the county of Somerset,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Hume, mayor of Eastport, that the Eastport toll bridge be kept in repair and maintained by the State, came from the House referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the petition to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act to further prevent forest fires, and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish and game killed and taken in the State, and for the further protection

of inland fish and game and for the registration of guides," that the same be printed and re-committed.

Report of the Committee on Towns on petition of C. D. Morrill and others referred from the last legislature, that the town of Madison be divided and that a certain part be incorporated into a town under the name of Old Point, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act in relation to voluntary trusts;"

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act relating to service of process on foreign corporations, acting as trustees under mortgages;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to amend section 17, chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings;"

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of Adelbert Millett and 57 others of Searsmont;

Of George A. Beckett and 20 others of Belfast;

Of Mrs. L. G. Clark and 13 others of Belfast;

Of Sarah J. Parker and 19 others of Waldo;

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented petition of Russ A. Snow and others of Atkinson;

Severally that the women in Maine be given the right to the ballot in municipal elections;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of Gilman Roberts and 16 others of Waldo;

Of Mrs. L. G. Clark and 162 others of Belfast;

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented petition of E. H. Doane and others of Sebec;

Severally that the age of consent be raised from fourteen to eighteen years of age;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act to regulate the election of directors or managers of corporations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act relating to the Old Town municipal court,"

Which was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on motion by the same senator.

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of Mrs. Flora Dunton and 82 others of Searsmont;

Of E. H. Brice and 32 others of Northport, for the establishment of a reformatory prison for women;

Which were referred to the Committee on State Prison.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committee on State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Education and the Committee on Military Affairs with such members of the Senate and House as wish to join be authorized to visit the State Collège of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game be directed to place on exhibition for the benefit of the legislature in suitable tanks in the State House, a sample of the product of the fish hatcheries of the State.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Monday, January 25th at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Which were read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary on "Resolve in relation to claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in defence of the United States," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee on bill "An Act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. SAVAGE from the same committee on bill "An Act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee on bill "An Act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. DRUMMOND from the same committee on bill "An Act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay a railroad track, lease its franchise and others purposes," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the resolve and bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following resolve and bill:

"Resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors eligible thereto under existing law;"

"An Act in relation to the bonds of trustees and guardians;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolve:

"Resolve in favor of the committee appointed by the House to attend the funeral of Ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis,"

Which was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, bill "An Act relating to common schools," (Senate Document No. 9) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, bill "An Act relating to repairs of highways and bridges in towns," was taken



from the table and referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.

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MONDAY, January 25, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leech of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase and deliver to each member of the legislature, one copy of Reed's Rules.

The Senate concurring, that the State librarian be authorized to purchase fifteen copies of the Revised Statutes of Maine for the use of this legislature, the same to be returned to the State library at the close of the session;

Which were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the waiving of the provisions of a will by a widow and the interest she shall have in the estate of the testator after such waiver;"

Petition of the mayor and aldermen and other citizens of Hallowell for an act to authorize said city to supply itself and the citizens thereof with electricity;

Petition of E. F. Webb and 101 others of Waterville that a charter be granted the Union Gas and Electric Company;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of G. B. Mayberry and 59 others of Casco; of E. B. Jillson and 49 others of Otisfield; in favor of a charter for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of Harlan P. Sargent, president of the Bangor Boom Company, for extension of its charter, with bill accompanying,

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the land agent to deed certain lots in Wallagrass plantation,"

Which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the creation of private fish ponds;"

Petition of G. B. Glover and 47 others of Eddington, for change in the law respecting the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river;

Petition of Charles A. Lang and 31 others of Harrison; of the Harrison Fish and Game Protective Association; of E. H. Chadbourne and 6 others of Baldwin; of James P. Baxter, Jr., and 13 others of Brunswick; for sufficient appropriation for the operation of Sebago hatchery and warden service in Cumberland county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Henry E. Davis and 40 others of Ellsworth for sufficient appropriation for warden service in the county of Hancock for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Frank W. Robinson and others for a reformatory prison for women,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox," came from the House referred to the Knox county delegation.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington the bill was laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the thirty-eighth annual report of the railroad commissioners, for 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State:

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.  
AUGUSTA, January 25, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:*

I have the honor to herewith transmit the report of Governor and Executive Council relative to repairing the State bridge across Mattawamkeag river.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

The communication was read and, with the accompanying report, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented "Resolve to amend section 5, article 4, part 2, of the Constitution of Maine, in relation to election of senators;"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and as amended by chapter 52 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and New Castle Railroad Company;"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to amend section 63 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish weirs,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington, Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of A. C. Leighton and 49 others of Milbridge;

Of J. W. Sawyer and 84 others of Milbridge;

O. V. L. Coffin and 64 others of Harrington;

Of G. R. Campbell and 14 others of Cherryfield;

Severally for aid in repairing the bridge across the Narraguagus river at Milbridge;

Which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, presented petition of C. S. Hayden and 35 others of Raymond that the taking of any fish from Little Rattlesnake pond in Raymond, or its tributaries, at certain seasons may be prohibited,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of Leonard T. McLain and 119 others of Bristol for a law to prevent hauling lobster traps in John's bay before sunrise or after sunset;

The same senator presented remonstrance of Charles F. Gray and 31 others of Bristol, practical fishermen, against any law to prevent hauling lobster traps before sunrise and after sunset in John's bay;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of Henry S. Webster and others of Gardiner;

Of Lewis A. Burleigh and others of Augusta, that copies of old Lincoln county records of deeds may be made and filed in Kennebec county;

Which were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and cause to be printed under his supervision and direction, four hundred copies of the journal of the proceedings of the present session of the Senate.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn." Senate Document No. 10;

"An Act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay a railroad track, lease its franchise and other purposes." Senate Document No. 11;

"An Act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company." Senate Document No. 12;

"Resolve in relation to the claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in defence of the United States." Senate Document No. 14;

"An Act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children." Senate Document No. 15;

Which several bills and the resolve were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill "An Act to incorporate the Orono Water Company," (Senate Document No. 8) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SALLEY of Somerset,  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 26, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gibson of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what, if any further amendments, are necessary to render more effective the provisions of chapter 379 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled, "An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries."

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to authorize the city of Hallowell to maintain an electric plant;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Hallowell Water Commissioners;"

Petition of the Hallowell Water Company to confirm its rights under its charter;

Petition of Mrs. L. W. Weston and 186 others of Skowhegan; of Mrs. L. C. Lamb and 49 others of Livermore Falls; for municipal suffrage for women;

Petition of Mrs. Mary Mitchell and 37 others of Turner; of Horace Fogg and 31 others of Greene; of Charles A. Town and 48 others of Auburn; asking to raise the age of protection for girls;

Petition of A. Baker and 25 others of Bingham for the use of the punitive chair in the punishment of criminals;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Hospital;'"

Bill "An Act to incorporate Newfield Academy;"

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook;"

Bill "An Act to authorize the town of Winterport to purchase the franchises of the Winterport Water Company;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of John Lovejoy and 40 others of Rockland for an appropriation for The House of the Good Shepherd, a home for orphans and poor neglected children situated in the city of Rockland,

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Staples Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Farmington State Normal School;"

"Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School;"

"Resolve in favor of Newfield Academy;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of W. S. Mann and 89 others of Windham; of John D. Spiller and 81 others of Westbrook; in favor of a charter for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 4, chapter 256 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers;"

Bill "An Act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds;"

Bill "An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company;"

Bill "An Act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect dams and make improvements upon the Big Machias river in the county of Aroostook;"

Bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river;"

Bill "An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries, above the mouth of Beaver brook;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river," came from the House referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river," came from the House referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of building bridge across Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, county of Aroostook;"

Petition of G. W. Rollins and 107 other citizens of the southern portion of Aroostook county, in aid of a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville;

Which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of George A. Safford and 300 others of Hallowell, relating to taking of smelts in Kennebec river;

Petition of A. C. Clark of Randolph and 31 others for appropriation for warden service in Kennebec county;

Petition of D. P. Rose and 30 others of Thomaston, asking for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Knox county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.



Petition of N. B. Eastman and 56 others to amend section 7 of chapter 249 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the taking of smelts in Georges river;

Remonstrance of Thomas K. Cunningham; of William M. Patterson; against the construction of a fishway at the foot of Lily pond in the town of Edgecomb;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of F. Winslow and 38 others for annexation of certain territory of Deering to Portland;

Petition of Mary A. Dunham and others, that a certain parcel of land, with buildings thereon, situated in the town of Bethel, be set off from said Bethel and annexed to the town of Mason;

Remonstrance of J. H. Stillings and 100 others of Berwick, against the proposed division of said Berwick;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Tomah and eight others for church repairs,

Which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of town of Linneus,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan,"

Which was referred to the York County Delegation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses on bill "An Act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company," that the same ought to pass.

Came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented "Resolve in favor of Cyrus Knapp and John A. Rowell, executors of the last will and testament of Abbie B. Downing;"

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented petition of J. A. Richardson and 14 others of Popham beach;

Of Mrs. Susan Spinney and 30 others of Phippsburg and Georgetown, that the age of protection for girls be raised;

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented petition of Sophia S. Howe and 109 other women and 89 men, citizens of various towns in Aroostook county, for municipal suffrage for women;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PIKE of York, presented "Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Maine;"

Petition of the Trustees of Parsonsfield Seminary for an appropriation for said institution;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented bill "An Act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for water for the Maine State Prison,"

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that joint rule No. 10 be amended so as to read as follows:

"10. Every bill or resolve reported in either House by a committee, or laid upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both Houses before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table."

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SALLEY of Somerset,

*Ordered*, That the secretaries of the Senate be directed to prepare and furnish each member of the Senate, at the opening of the Senate every Wednesday morning, the following lists of measures appropriating money, with amounts specified and sum total of each, arranged in parallel columns as follows:

First:—Those which have been given passage.

Second:—Those in addition favorably reported by the various committees.

Third:—Those additional introduced.

Fourth:—The appropriations made by the last legislature.

This order to take effect February 3, 1897.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed each day, for the use of the Senate, a calendar of the business pending before the Senate.

Which were read and passed.

Mr. HARGRAVES from the Committee on Financial Affairs, to which was referred the official bond of F. M. Simpson, State treasurer elect, reported that they find it in due and legal form, with sureties good and sufficient, and recommend that the bond be approved and deposited with the Secretary of State.

Which report was read and accepted and the bond approved.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve:

Bill "An Act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn;"

Bill "An Act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay a railroad track, lease its franchise and other purposes;"

Bill "An Act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company;"

"Resolve in relation to the claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in defence of the United States;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children;"

Which several bills and the resolve were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, bill "An Act relating to the Old Town municipal court," (Senate Document No. 13) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, bill "An Act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox," was taken from the table and, on further motion by the same senator, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House in referring the bill to the Knox County Delegation, and referred the same to the Committee on Salaries.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot,  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, January 27, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Chase of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to sentence to the reform school;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to election of town officers;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to forgery and counterfeiting;"

Bill "An Act to authorize the town of Richmond to purchase the property and franchises of the Richmond Water Company and to incorporate the Richmond water commissioners;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 195 of the Private and Special Laws of the year of our Lord 1887, establishing the charter of the city of Waterville," with petition of William T. Haines and others accompanying;

Bill "An Act authorizing the Rumford Falls Lumber Company to hold stock and bonds of other corporations," with petition accompanying;

Bill "An Act to extend and additional to the charter of the Oakland Water Company;"

Bill "An Act to confirm the organization and change of name of the Hathorn Fancy Forging Company to that of the Hathorn Manufacturing Company;"

Petition of H. M. Otis and 10 others, employees of the Somerset Railroad, for the use of the punitive chair in the punishment of criminals;

Petition of Hannah E. Jenkins and 46 others of China; of Henry Woodward and 10 others of Kennebec county; of Asa Getchell and 45 others of Litchfield; of H. A. Jenkins and 47 others of China; of Mrs. O. M. Mason and 45 others of Bethel; of G. R. W. Wentworth and 33 others of West Gardiner; of Mrs. J. H. Brown and 40 others of Haynesville; of William McIlroy and 86 others of Houlton; of Stephen E. Ames and 48 others of Fort Fairfield; of F. H. Dow and 44 others of Mapleton; of Lewis P. Libby and 109 others of Amity and Cary; of Adoniram Curtis and 32 others of West Paris;

Severally that women may be given the right to the ballot in municipal elections.

Petition of Mrs. Florence J. Libbey and 87 others of Sanford; of Mrs. M. E. Tilton and 69 others of Kittery; of C. E. Weston and 25 others of Bolster's Mills; of Amelia H. Whitcomb and 36 others of Thomaston;

Severally that the age of protection for girls be raised from fourteen to eighteen years;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend sections 3 and 8 of chapter 86, and section 17 of chapter 81, Revised Statutes, relating to the service of trustee writs;"

Bill "An Act amendatory to chapter 454, Special Laws of 1889, to transfer additional powers to the town of Gorham; also additional to chapter 216, Public Laws of 1893, to abolish school district number one in the town of Gorham;"

Bill "An Act in relation to division fences;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of E. H. Banks of Biddeford and 20 others; of A. H. Totman and 50 others of Fairfield; in aid of the Westbrook Seminary;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 550 of the Private Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Mousam River Railroad Company;'"

Petition of George T. Pratt and 87 others of South Windham village; of Lewis P. Knight and 37 others of the town of Naples; for Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing the United Indurated Fibre Company of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electrical power;" also

Petition of Freeman Gowen and 35 others of the city of Deering; of M. L. Keyes and 167 others of Gorham; for repeal of law restricting competition in supply of electrical power to towns and cities, and asking legislative authority for the generation and transmission of such power by the United Indurated Fibre Company;

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses,

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the bill and the petitions to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Edwin York and 14 others of Albion, for a law for better protection of fish in all brooks flowing through the town of Albion;

Petition of H. B. Rowe and 68 others to repeal chapter 109 of the law of 1853, which prohibits taking pickerel from Long Mousam, Square Mousam, Goose, Upper Goose, Hanson and Loon ponds in the towns of Shapleigh and Acton;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to divide the town of Deer Isle and incorporate the town of Stonington,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of F. W. Metcalf and 65 others of China; of G. M. Hicks and others of Rockland; of Joel P. Husten and 60 others of Damariscotta and New Castle; of J. W. Hartford and 47 others of Hiram; of Mrs. O. M. Mason and 70 others of Bethel; of Sarah L. Cram of Biddeford and 60 others; for the establishing of a reformatory prison for women;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Prison in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of the city of Bath, by Randall D. Bibber, mayor, for an amendment to the Private and Special Laws of 1878, chapter 42, with bill accompanying, entitled, "An Act to amend chapter 42 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relating to Merrymeeting bridge in Sagadahoc county,"

Which was referred to the Sagadahoc County Delegation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in making temporary loans and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds,"

Which was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act to further prevent forest fires and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish and game killed and taken in the State, and for the further protection of inland fish and game, and for the registration of guides," that the same be printed and recommitted, came up from the House, the bill printed as House Document No. 8, and was recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 11, chapter 224, of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, relating to the Augusta municipal court," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend 'An Act establishing a municipal court in the city of Waterville,'" that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act in addition to and to amend chapter 634, Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 503 of the Private and Special Laws of 1828, to regulate the taking of fish in Narraguagus river," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to repeal chapter 503 of the Private and Special Laws of 1828, to regulate the taking of fish in Narraguagus river;"

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

A communication was received from the committee appointed under chapter 121 of the resolves of 1895, entitled "Resolve in favor of reducing the price of board at the Maine Insane Hospital,"

(Signed)

Wainwright Cushing,  
Frederick Robie,  
Bigelow T. Sanborn, —Committee.



On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, the communication was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries, for the year 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 30 of the Public Laws approved February 21, 1895, and to revive sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens on buildings;"

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to authorize towns to appoint special committees for special purposes;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Company;"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to amend 'An Act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company;' "

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of Mrs. H. F. Evans and 11 others;

Of W. H. Stevens and 14 others of New Portland;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of Rev. J. M. Wyman and 227 others of Augusta;

Severally for municipal suffrage for women;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented petition of M. K. Center and 30 others of Westbrook;

Of Rev. D. B. Randall and 135 others of Portland;

Of Mrs. Fred Libby and 37 others of Stroudwater;

Of George H. Douglass and 45 others of West Gorham;

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of Mrs. Sarah C. Page and 29 others of Hartland;

Of W. H. Stevens and 19 others of New Portland;

Of Charles T. Neal and 37 others of Ripley;

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented petition of Mrs. Juliette H. Oakes and 50 others of Livermore Falls;

Of Mrs. Helen Thomas and 40 others of Greene;

Of Silas F. Brown and 63 others of Durham and vicinity;

Severally that the age of protection for girls be raised from 14 to 18 years;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 277 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the time of holding the September term of the supreme judicial court, Piscataquis county;"

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented bill "An Act to lower the waters of Noyes' pond in the town of Bluehill;"

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the York Sewer Company;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. HARGRAVES of York, presented "Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1897;"

The same Senator presented "Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1898;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy;"

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented petition of Brunswick Savings Institution and Brunswick and Topsham Twenty-five Cent Savings Bank;

Of Samuel Rolfe and others, trustees of the Maine Savings Bank of Portland;

Of Sidney W. Thaxter and others, trustees of the Portland Savings Bank of Portland;

Severally asking for a reduction of the tax on Savings Banks,

Which were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of C. H. Gilbert and others of Canton, for an amendment to section 2 of chapter 298

of the Public Laws of 1880, relating to the charter of the Canton Bridge Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented bill "An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island;"

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented petition of J. D. Brown and 100 others of Dover and Foxcroft for appropriation for operation of fish hatchery and for warden service in Piscataquis county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented petition of William H. Stevens and 7 others of Portland for warden service in Cumberland county for the years 1897 and 1898 and for operation of Sebago Lake fish hatchery;

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of Fred A. Porter and 50 others of Rumford Falls;

Mr. Roberts of Oxford, presented petition of George H. Jones and 13 others of Oxford;

Each for appropriation for warden service for Oxford county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented petition of J. P. Dudley and 10 others of Eustis;

Of Grant Fuller and 40 others of Eustis;

Of E. I. Herrick and 75 others of Rangeley;

Severally for appropriation for operation of Rangeley hatchery and for warden service in Franklin county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented petition of T. H. Wyman and others of Sebec;

Of J. S. Runnals and others of Willimantic;

Of C. D. Luce and others of Guilford;

Of N. J. Lamb and others of Sangerville;

Severally that the throwing of mill refuse into Wilson river be prohibited;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower Erastus Cunningham, his heirs and assigns, to construct and maintain a fishway in the town of Edgecomb in the county of Lincoln;'"

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of members of the Penobscot tribe of Indians that their agent be granted authority to retain 10 per cent of the shore rentals for expenses in keeping in order the public streets, support of poor, and like tribal expenses;

The same Senator presented petition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for an appropriation for the benefit of said tribe for the years 1897 and 1898;

Which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of William Hoyt and others of Ripley;

Of G. H. Goodwin and 52 others of Solon;

Each in favor of the establishment of a reformatory prison for women;

Which were referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented "Resolve in favor of continuing the publication of York deeds,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Library.

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of the municipal officers of the town of Peru, that a part of the State tax on said town for the years 1895 and 1896 be remitted,

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act in relation to the municipal court of the city of Portland;'"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 274 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to fix the salary of the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland;'"

Which were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of fires, and the publication of statistics relating to the same,"

Which was laid on the table to be printed pending reference, on motion by the same Senator.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Maine Press Association for Thursday afternoon, January 28.

Which was read and passed.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and as amended by chapter 52 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and New Castle Railroad Company," reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses,

Which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 17, chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WYMAN from the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to migratory fish," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to migratory fish;"

Mr. SAVAGE from the Androscoggin County Delegation, on bill "An Act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to

make a loan and issue bonds therefor," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the several bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A" in concurrence.

"An Act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river." (Senate Document No. 16;) also

Bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river." (Senate Document No. 17;)

Were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The official bond of the Hon. F. M. Simpson, State Treasurer-elect, for the years 1897 and 1898, came up from the House approved in concurrence, and was, by the Secretary of the Senate, filed with the Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 28, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Parsons of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of legislation to provide for the conduct of political caucuses and primaries, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of legislation to provide for the support of all paupers by the State, and report by bill or otherwise;

Which were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the use of compressed air for power;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property;"

Bill "An Act additional relating to the Bath municipal court;"

Bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Company for an additional two years;"

Bill "An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power;"

Petition of M. C. Foster and others of Waterville, relating to change in the charter of the city of Waterville;

Petition of Swan and Sibley Company and others, citizens of the city of Belfast, to amend the charter of the city of Belfast;

Petition of L. G. Baker and 15 others of Moscow and Bingham, for the use of the punitive chair in the punishment of criminals;

Petition of A. H. Ricker and 91 others, to establish a steam ferry across Sullivan river between Hancock and Sullivan;

Petition of Jonathan Estes of Easton and 71 others;

Of F. S. Smith of Caribou and 45 others;

Of Camilla M. Whitney and others of Winthrop;

Of B. A. W. Boyd and 35 others of Limestone;

Of J. C. Hedman of New Sweden and 103 others;

For municipal suffrage for women;

Petition of Louise R. Sprague and 47 others of Easton;

Of Jennie Sawyer and 19 others of Easton;

Of John A. Westin of New Sweden and 46 others;

Of Mrs. P. O. Juhlin of New Sweden and 40 others;

Of Edith L. Fletcher and 50 others of Limestone;

Of Rev. Wm. C. Baker and 67 others of Searsmont;

Of George H. Tabor of Haynesville and 23 others;

That the age of consent for girls be raised to the age of 18 years.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act granting Susan S. B. Spring the right to maintain a dam at its present height, at or near the lower narrows, so called, at West Harpswell, in the town of Harpswell, for the purpose of retaining so much of the tide water as is necessary for the culture of fish;"

Bill "An Act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Company of Brewer, Maine, to transact business within the city of Brewer;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Company;"

Petition of Amos H. King and 52 others of Brewer; of Allan G. Ray and 91 others of Brewer; of the Brewer Light and Power Company; for an act authorizing the Brewer Light and Power Company to make, generate, sell, distribute and supply electricity for lighting, heating and other purposes, in the city of Brewer;

Petition of E. P. Grimes and 28 others of Caribou; of L. N. Richards and 46 others of Fort Fairfield; praying for changes in the insolvent laws so no discharge can be granted unless a dividend is paid;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.



Petition of H. H. Fogg and 60 others of Bangor with reference to aid to the Eastern Maine General Hospital,

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to establish an additional normal school;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 87, paragraph 4 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the purchase of school text books;"

Bill "An Act to repeal so much of an act of the Legislature of 1885 entitled 'An Act granting additional powers to the inhabitants of school district No. 5 in the town of Kennebunk,' and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof as relates to the maintenance of schools and school houses;"

"Resolve in favor of Castine State Normal School;"

Petition of Charles H. Clark and others of Kennebunk, for repeal of so much of chapter 461 of the Public Laws of 1885, as relates to the maintenance of schools and school houses in school district No. 5, in the town of Kennebunk;

Petition of S. W. Carr and 24 others of Bowdoinham; of P. O. Vickery and 32 others for an appropriation in favor of Westbrook Seminary;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph W. Read and 41 others for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Castine Railway and Navigation Company, and to amend its charter, and certain additions thereto,"

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference in concurrence.

Petition of White Bros. and 15 others of Danforth, for an amendment to the charter of the Baskahegan Dam Company,

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference in concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell and convey all the right, title and interest the State of Maine has in and to its land in Moro plantation, county of Aroostook;”

“Resolve in favor of roads in Indian Township, Washington county;”

“Resolve in favor of the town of Forest City to aid in building one-half the bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City;”

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of P. J. Phinney and 43 others of Starks;

Of George W. Johnson and 185 others;

Of H. S. Doyen and 26 others of Starks;

For aid in building road in the town of Starks;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Franklin county for the propagation of fish and more efficient warden service;”

Petition of W. B. Small and 21 others of Kingfield; of John B. Marble and 30 others of Rangeley; of J. S. Houghten and 33 others of Weld; of John C. Spinney and 12 others of Allen’s Mills; of J. W. Brackett and 9 others of Phillips; of C. N. Soule and 16 others of Weld; of E. F. Conant and 26 others of Temple; of W. S. Heath of Salem; of E. B. Lambert and 27 others of Eustis; of D. W. Berry and N. W. Goodwin of Berry’s Mills (Carthage); of E. E. Richards and 33 others of Farmington;

For sufficient appropriation for operation of Rangeley hatchery and sufficient warden service for the years 1897 and 1898, in the county of Franklin;

Petition of Millard Metcalf and 31 others of Guilford; of Frank Brett and 3 others of Kingsbury; of A. Bradeen and 2 others of Lily Bay; of E. P. Blanchard and 14 others of Blanchard; of W. Heughen and H. C. Geery of Katahdin Iron Works; of S. O. Dinsmore and 10 others of Medford;

For appropriation for operation of fish hatchery and for sufficient warden service in Piscataquis county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of F. E. Webber and 36 others of Richmond; of A. Q. Goud and 33 others of Topsham; of A. S. Alexander and 39 others of Richmond; of Charles A. Packard and 36 others of Bath; of J. H. Kimball and 32 others of Bath;

For sufficient appropriation for warden service in Sagadahoc county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of S. J. Walton and 35 others of Skowhegan; of N. W. Murphy and 4 others of Parlin Pond; of Wm. Brackett and 20 others of Norridgewock;

For appropriation for sufficient warden service in Somerset county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of F. E. Smith and 65 others of Standish and vicinity; of R. B. Swift and 17 others of Portland; of J. P. Burnell and 32 others of Westbrook;

For appropriation for sufficient warden service in Cumberland county for the years 1897 and 1898, and for operation of Sebago Lake fish hatchery for said years;

Petition of F. L. Day and 29 others of Camden; of A. F. Beverage and 29 others of Camden; of Reuel Robinson and 29 others of Camden;

For appropriation for sufficient warden service in Knox county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of C. W. Dunham and 40 others of Ellsworth for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Hancock county and for protection of fish and game for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Eugene W. Abbott and 54 others of Shapleigh and vicinity for a bounty on foxes;

Petition of H. F. Harris and 36 others of Greenbush for change in law in regard to taking salmon from Penobscot river;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of C. H. S. Webb and 47 others of Oceanville; of E. V. Lyman and 259 others of Hancock county asking for the

establishment and maintenance of two hatcheries for propagation of lobsters;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to set off a part of the plantation of Elliotsville in Piscataquis county;"

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of C. H. S. Webb and 45 others of Oceanville in favor of providing at the insane hospital, now being erected at Bangor, suitable homeopathic medical treatment for the insane in all cases where such treatment is desired,

Which was referred to the Committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Hodgkins and 200 others of Dexter asking that the fees for travel of the county commissioners of Penobscot county may be reduced,

Came from the House referred to the Penobscot County Delegation,

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the petition to the Committee on Salaries;

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend section 28, chapter 118, of the Revised Statutes, relating to assault and battery," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petition of B. F. Baker and others; Albert Leavitt and others; G. E. Snow and others; Byron Lambert and others; L. F. Butler and others; J. M. Snell and others; for aid in building a bridge across Sandy river in the town of Starks, that the petitions be referred to the next Legislature;

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the reports of the inspectors, warden and subordinate officers of the Maine State Prison for the year 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors;"

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to provide that all general hospitals receiving aid from the State of Maine shall be obliged to have at least one homeopathic physician on its medical staff, one homeopathic surgeon on its surgical staff and one homeopathic physician and surgeon on its staff of consulting physicians and surgeons;"

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of Mrs. M. E. Mayo and 50 others of Bluehill that the age of protection for girls be raised from 14 to 18 years;

The same Senator presented petition of Mrs. R. P. Grindle and 50 others of Bluehill in favor of municipal suffrage for women;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company;"

Which bills were laid on the table to be printed, on motion by Mr. ENGEL, pending reference to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented petition of E. F. Corliss and 69 others of Yarmouth, for an appropriation of \$4,000 for warden service in the county of Cumberland,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

The same Senator presented bill "An Act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock;

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committee on Agriculture shall take under consideration the matter of bovine tuberculosis in this State; the causes and conditions which develop it; to what extent it is brought into the State from other states and countries; whether it is on the increase or decrease in this State; also whether any changes are desirable in the law for the suppression of the disease; and report by bill, resolve or otherwise;

Which were read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate cause 500 copies of Senate Document No. 18, relating to "Investigation of Fires" to be printed;

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital." Senate Document No. 19;

"An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to migratory fish." Senate Document No. 20;

"An Act to amend section 17, chapter 60, of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings." Senate Document No. 22;

"An Act to amend section 1, chapter 121, of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery." Senate Document No. 23;

Which bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor." Senate Document No. 21,

Which was read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Education, on the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, reported that the same be accepted;

Mr. CLASON from the same committee, on the report of the Industrial School for Girls, reported that the same be accepted, and adopted;

Mr. ROBERTS from the same committee, on bill "An Act to create a State board of examiners of teachers, and to define its duties," reported that the same be printed and recommitted to the committee;

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads," reported that the same be printed and recommitted to the committee;

Which reports were read and accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend the Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to Glidden Water Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and hold stock and bonds of other corporations," submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 38 of chapter

63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan plantation," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Kennebec County Delegation, on petitions of Henry S. Webster and others; Lewis A. Burleigh and others; that copies of old Lincoln county records of deeds may be made and filed in Kennebec county, submitted bill "An Act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in the Kennebec registry;"

Which several reports were read and accepted and the several bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 503 of the Private and Special Laws of 1828, to regulate the taking of fish in the Narraguagus river;"

"An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, relating to the Augusta municipal court;"

"An Act in addition to and to amend chapter 634, Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company;"

"An Act to amend 'An Act establishing a municipal court in the town of Waterville;'"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the order "That the Committee on Financial Affairs be authorized to secure such assistance as may be deemed necessary for the collection of facts relating to the appropriations in the possession of other committees" was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed;



On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the report of the committee of the Executive Council of 1895-1896, appointed to examine into the affairs of the Maine State College, (Senate Document No. 6,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts;

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, January 29, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cochrane of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that the time for the reception of petitions and bills, for private and special legislation, be extended to Monday, February 15, A. D. 1897, and that all petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next Legislature,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing the county commissioners of York county to locate and establish a highway over and across the tide waters of the Webhannet river in Wells;"

Bill "An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Winn Water and Power Company;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Sunny Side Cemetery Association;"

Bill "An Act to repeal chapter 159 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895." (Entitled "An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott and Curtis E. Moon the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock;" )

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Deer Isle Water Company;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 59, paragraph 6, of said section, of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances;"

Petition of Edwin W. Smart and 26 others of Bancroft; of Mary E. Ball and 42 others of Corinth; of L. E. Carter and 22 others of Washburn; of John E. Wallace and 68 others of Hampden; for municipal suffrage for women;

Petition of Sarah A. Clark and 53 others of Stetson; of Mrs. C. S. Coakley of Spruce Head and 19 others; of Z. J. Wheeler and 55 others of West Paris; of E. C. Burnell and 24 others of Hiram; of Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney and 26 others of Brownfield; of Warren Hills of Union and 167 others; of Mrs. D. F. Wadsworth and 56 others of Camden; of Mrs. A. S. Daniels and 41 others of Liberty; asking that the protection of girls be raised from the age of 14 years to 18 years;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 29 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated plantations;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Portland Female Provident Association;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property;"

Petition of W. T. Barton and 27 others of Perham, asking for an amendment to the insolvency law;

Petition of Josiah Crosby and 54 others of Dexter, that authority be granted to the town of Dexter to establish a system of water works and sewerage;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of calling public attention to the advantages of Maine as a place of summer resort, and to its agricultural and other advantages,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to chapter 320 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kennebago Railroad Company;'"

Petition of A. C. Wade and 34 others in aid of petition of V. R. Tuttle and others, for extension of charter of Waldo and Somerset Railway Company;

Petition of Gibeon P. Davis and 76 others of Raymond;

Of John S. Clark of Naples and 71 others;

For the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act providing for a topographic survey and map of Maine,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Eastport Agricultural Society,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Lake Onawa Dam Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to provide for the improvement of highways;"

Petition of Theo. P. Austin and others of Hancock county in the interest of good roads;

Which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of D. W. Bennett and 51 others of Montville, for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Waldo county and for operation of hatchery for the years 1897 and 1898,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of A. M. Spear and 186 others of Gardiner; of F. G. Sherman and 30 others of Randolph; of D. S. Tasker and 118 others of Randolph; for the preservation of smelts in the Kennebec river,

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game,

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the petitions to the Committee on Shore Fisheries,

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of M. N. McKusick and 44 others for repeal of special law, 1895, precluding all fishing for salmon with nets in the St. Croix river above Ferry Point bridge,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of B. R. Blackstone and 29 others, citizens of the plantation of Perham, praying to be incorporated as a town,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph L. Dana and others, praying that the State will purchase a certain parcel of land for addition to burial grounds,

Which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of the town of Friendship, by its selectmen, for reimbursement for money expended for support and burial of Henry Simmons,

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

"Resolves in favor of the Maine Relief Corps Home,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of Etta M. Furnald and 13 others of Lincolnville Center; of W. S. Carver and 39 others of Vinalhaven; asking for such enactments as will lead to the establishment of a reformatory prison for women;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Prison in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the purchase and sale of intoxicating liquors by cities and towns,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 65 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act in relation to State taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as wild lands,'"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital in concurrence.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of Geo. B. Sawyer and others, trustees of Wiscasset Savings Bank;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented petition of J. W. Butterfield and others, trustees of Phillips Savings Bank;

Each for reduction of tax on savings banks;

Which were laid on the table pending reference to Committee on Banks and Banking, on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented petition of Reuben Foster and others, trustees of Waterville Savings Bank, for a reduction of the tax on savings banks,

Which was laid on the table pending reference to the Committee on Banks and Banking, on motion by Mr. HEALD.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of members of Penobscot tribe of Indians, to be allowed the right to kill moose, deer, caribou and other game at any season of the year;

The same Senator presented petition of G. G. Weld of Old Town;

Of Owen Bussell and 29 others of Old Town;

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented petition of F. T. Thompson and 54 others of Bangor;

Of Edward M. Blanding and 32 others of Bangor;

Of Augustus B. Farnham and 318 others of Bangor;

Severally for appropriation for sufficient warden service and operation of fish hatchery and feeding station in Penobscot county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of J. Wesley Gilman and 42 others of Oakland for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Kennebec county and for operation of Monmouth fish hatchery and feeding station for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. PIKE of York, presented petition of Levi L. Cook and 27 others of Cornish for sufficient appropriation for warden service in York county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of Samuel N. Campbell and 39 others of Cherryfield;

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented petition of L. C. Bailey and Company and 33 others of Calais;

Of Harry S. Murchie and 34 others of Calais;

Of S. S. Pineo and 32 others of Calais;

Of R. J. McGarrigle and 31 others of Calais;

Of Percy L. Lord and 31 others of Calais;

Severally for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Washington county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented remonstrance of Grant Fuller and 77 others against licensing guides;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of members of Penobscot tribe of Indians for an amendment to chapter 126 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the adoption of members into said tribe;

The same senator presented petition of members of Penobscot tribe of Indians for an appropriation for building a new steeple for the church of said tribe;

Which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State Library,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game be directed to inquire into the necessity of giving the commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, authority to take or to authorize the taking of inland game and birds for park purposes for the State.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be until Monday next, 4.30 o'clock, P. M.

Which were read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to the superintendent of public buildings, Hon. E. C. Stevens, for furnishing the Senate lobby with the neat and convenient wardrobe for the use of the members of the Senate.

Which was read and unanimously adopted.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to Glidden Water Company." Senate Document No. 25;

"An Act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and hold stock and bonds of other corporations." Senate Document No. 26;

"An Act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine." Senate Document No. 27;

"An Act to amend section 38 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings." Senate Document No. 28;

Which bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in the Kennebec registry." Senate Document No. 31,

Which was laid on the table pending first reading, on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln.

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on order relating to a general law relative to trust and banking companies, reported that legislation is inexpedient.

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long island," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital;"

"An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to migratory fish;"

"An Act to amend section 17, chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to engrossed.

"An Act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."



Severally sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill:

“An Act in relation to the bonds of trustees and guardians,”

Which bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President was, by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, bill “An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of fires, and the publication of statistics relating to the same,” (Senate Document No. 18) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill “An Act to extend the charter of the Castine Railway and Navigation Company, and to amend its charter, and certain additions thereto,” (Senate Document No. 30) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec,  
Adjourned.

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MONDAY, February 1, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on Labor be empowered to visit three different textile manufacturing establishments in this State, that they may inform themselves in regard to the condition of the employment of women and minors.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill “An Act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt;”

Bill "An Act to amend the first two lines of section 1 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes." (Relating to paupers;)

Bill "An Act to establish a municipal court in the city of Eastport;"

Petition of H. R. Brackett and 202 others of Detroit, Pittsfield, Newport and Palmyra, that the chronic insane of the State be supported by the State after five years residence at the insane hospital;

Petition of N. B. Dyer and 51 others, citizens of the western part of Washington county, for the establishment of a municipal court in the western part of said county;

Petition of J. R. Libby and 184 others of Portland; of John E. Sawyer and 217 others of Deering, for repeal of law restricting competition in supply of electrical power to towns and cities and asking legislative authority for the generation and transmission of such power by United Indurated Fibre Company;

Remonstrance of Mrs. J. P. Baxter and 182 others of Portland and vicinity against municipal suffrage for women;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 16 of chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1893." (Relating to itinerant vendors;)

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Monson Water Company;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Mars Hill and Blaine Water Company;"

Petition of A. D. McFaul and 8 others of Machias for change in the law relating to trial justice;

Petition of John C. Dearborn and 18 others to incorporate the Flanders Cemetery Association, with bill accompanying;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Healy Asylum of Lewiston, Maine;"

Petition of Frank L. Noble and 70 others in favor of an appropriation for the Healy Asylum of Lewiston, Maine;

Petition of E. A. Hobson and others of Hollis for aid for the town of Hollis;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 3, chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to common schools;"

"Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school in the city of Calais;"

Petition of S. S. Vose and 8 others for an appropriation in behalf of Westbrook Seminary;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway;"

Bill "An Act relating to the Portland Railroad Company;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to make certain the continuing validity of the provisions of sections 19, 20 and 21 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes of 1883, relating to insurance,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of Benj. F. Sturgis and 7 others of Auburn, trustees of Mechanics Savings Bank;

Of James B. Dascomb and others, trustees of Skowhegan Savings Bank of Skowhegan;

Of George S. Woodman and 8 others of Auburn, trustees of Auburn Savings Bank;

Of John M. Goodwin and others, trustees of York County Savings Bank of Biddeford;

Of J. W. Fairbanks and others, trustees of Franklin County Savings Bank of Farmington;

Of John Ayer and others, trustees of Cascade Savings Bank of Oakland;

Of C. O. Farrington and others, trustees of Brewer Savings Bank;

Of J. F. Davis and others, trustees of Hancock County Savings Bank of Ellsworth;

Of Bath Savings Institution and People's Safe Deposit and Savings Bank;

Of Camden Savings Bank;

Of A. H. Walker and others, trustees of Bridgton Savings Bank of Bridgton;

Of R. W. Lord and others, trustees of Kennebunk Savings Bank of Kennebunk;

Of S. B. Twitchell and others, trustees of Bethel Savings Bank of Bethel;

Of A. M. Robinson and others, trustees of Piscataquis Savings Bank of Dover;

Of Rockland Savings Bank;

Of Thomas Tarbox and others, trustees of Buxton and Hollis Savings Bank of Buxton;

Of Samuel F. Humphrey and others, trustees of Bangor Savings Bank of Bangor;

Of trustees of Penobscot Savings Bank of Bangor;

Of Cyrus Greely and others, trustees of Androscoggin County Savings Bank of Lewiston;

Of C. I. Barker and others, trustees of People's Savings Bank of Lewiston;

For reduction of tax on savings banks.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, were laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to establish a bounty on wildcats," (with accompanying petition,)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 594 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Company;'"

Petition of George S. Burrill and 2 others for the passage of bill entitled "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 594 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Company;'"

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Remonstrance of A. R. Page and 16 others against the sale of public lands or lots in Drew plantation,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Bill "An Act enabling the town of Yarmouth, to build and maintain a bridge across tide water between the islands of Cousin's and Littlejohn's in said town of Yarmouth;"

"Resolve relating to the building of a bridge across the St. John river at Fort Kent;"

Petition of L. R. Cook and 33 others in favor of a bridge between the islands of Cousin's and Littlejohn's in the town of Yarmouth;

Petition of D. S. Chadbourne and 50 others of Mattawamkeag and vicinity recommending an appropriation for a breakwater to protect the State bridge in said town;

Petition of E. R. Michaud and 58 others of Frenchville, with accompanying bill, for aid in blasting a ledge in said town;

Petition of E. R. Michaud of Frenchville and 48 others, with accompanying bill, for State aid in building a bridge in said town;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of James E. Kelly and 75 others, citizens of Lubec, to have a bounty on wild cats;

Petition of Lewis M. Haines and 60 others for an act to protect fish in Little river and its tributaries in the towns of Bowdoin, Lisbon and Webster, with bill accompanying;

Petition of W. H. Lawrence and others, citizens of Hancock county, for repeal of Private and Special Laws relating to Flanders, Great Tunk and Little Tunk ponds in Hancock county;

Petition of Hunt, Walker & Co. of Liberty, and 26 others; of L. C. Morse and 21 others of Liberty;

Each for sufficient appropriation to operate the hatchery at St. George Lake and for sufficient warden service for 1897 and 1898.

Petition of D. W. Bennett and 19 others that a close time for trout for three years be put upon all the brooks that flow through the town of Montville, and that the number caught thereafter shall be limited to twenty-five for each person per day's fishing, except residents of the town;

Petition of Zenas Thompson and 153 others, business men of Portland, for an appropriation for the inland fish and game interests;

Petition of F. H. Boody and 21 others of Windham and vicinity, for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Cumberland county and for operation of Sebago fish hatchery for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of Sanborn L. Pond and 21 others of Dedham; of C. A. Thompson and 31 others of Dedham;

Each for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Hancock county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Petition of A. Simmons and 34 others of Anson; of H. W. Kennison and 24 others of New Portland; of W. A. Erskine and 35 others of Pittsfield;

Each for an appropriation for sufficient warden service in Somerset county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Petition of John C. Weston and 39 others of Waldoboro; of G. W. Simmons and 37 others of Waldoboro; of George Bliss and 36 others of Waldoboro;

Each for an appropriation for sufficient warden service in Lincoln county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Petition of J. E. Estes and 37 others of Winn; of W. I. Wood and 49 others of Corinna; of Hiram Davis and 31 others of Winn; of E. R. Leach and 31 others of East Newport; of A. G. Shorey and 57 others of Newport; of S. J. Ridlon, chairman of the board of selectmen, and 64 others of Stetson; of W. E. Mur-

dock and 25 others of Springfield; of George W. Curtis and 47 others of Carmel; of F. L. Parlin and 30 others of Bradley; of W. A. Richardson and 29 others of Bradley; of S. W. Peabody and 21 others of Etna; of A. M. Beed and 27 others of Charleston; of F. D. Bowley and 29 others of Alton; of F. J. Whiting and 7 others of Old Town; of S. M. Hodgkins and 2 others of Enfield; of O. S. Townsend and 23 others of Montague; of Earl S. Page and 22 others of Burlington; of W. Appleton and 21 others of Enfield; of A. F. Cushman and 46 others of Lincoln; of George H. Hamlin and 25 others of Orono; of D. H. Robinson and 26 others of Garland;

Each for sufficient appropriation for operation of fish hatchery and feeding station in Penobscot county and sufficient warden service for the years 1897 and 1898.

Petition of Frank J. Dickey of Northport and 25 others; of J. H. Sullivan and 59 others of Searsport; of E. M. Bramhall and 37 others of Belfast and vicinity; of A. A. Small and 34 others of Belfast; of N. F. Patterson and 29 others of Belfast; of H. E. McDonald and 19 others of Belfast; of Joseph Tyler and 36 others of Belfast and vicinity;

Each for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Waldo county for the years 1897 and 1898, and for operation of fish hatchery.

Petition of H. B. Corthell and 38 others of Eastport; of M. Gardner and 81 others of Machias; of J. Wilber Day and 3 others of Wesley; of I. P. Longfellow and 33 others of Machias; of W. E. Dunn and 43 others of Danforth; of Charles A. Rolfe and 33 others of Princeton; of H. S. Kelley and 37 others of Lubec; of C. H. Newton and 28 others of Calais; of Charles R. Hill and 32 others of Calais; of D. Merton Gardner and 31 others of Calais; of A. Towers and 28 others of Calais; of H. B. Eaton and 24 others of Calais,

Each for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Washington county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Petition of Henry C. Lord and 15 others of Alfred; of Nathaniel Hobbs and 34 others of North Berwick; of Hartley Lord and 37 others of Kennebunk; of C. A. Bodwell and 79 others of Sanford,

Each for sufficient appropriation for warden service in York county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act repealing chapter 463 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek;"

Petition of H. Blanchard and Sons and others of Eastport for the repeal of chapter 172 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to regulate the packing of fish in hermetically sealed cans;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of L. B. Dolloff and 60 others in favor of setting off a portion of the town of Rome and annexing the same to the town of Belgrade;

Remonstrance of Richard C. Davis and others of the plantation of Elliottsville against setting off a part of Elliottsville;

Remonstrance from 47 taxpayers of the town of Madawaska against the division of said town to form another;

Remonstrance of Richard L. Goodwin and 73 others of Berwick against the proposed division of said Berwick;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

"Resolve for payment of back salary of a guard at the State Prison;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Patten;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the hours of labor of minors and women employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments;"

Petition of Harold Hammond and 20 others of Brunswick; of Fred Carron and 22 others of Brunswick and Topsham; of Henry Simpson and 12 others of Brunswick and Topsham; of Milton Strout and 24 others of Brunswick; of John Berch and



40 others of Augusta; of D. W. Ward and 26 others of Augusta; of Weston Lewis and 52 others of Augusta; of Charles H. Nason and 27 others of Augusta; of E. B. Richards and 30 others of Augusta; of Daniel W. Hanson and 16 others of Biddeford; of F. A. Small and 30 others of Biddeford; of John F. Maxwell and 14 others of Biddeford; of George F. Ellis and 82 others of Biddeford; of James Farley and 17 others of Biddeford; of William J. Conwell and 20 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of R. D. Bibber and 31 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of O. N. Briggs and 28 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of W. F. Conway and 20 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Joseph Davenport and 22 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of George Byron and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Robert Jones and 23 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Frank Bose and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Mrs. Nellie Langan and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of J. L. Merrill and Company and 23 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of N. T. Sanborn and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Edmond Butler and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Henry E. Frost and 22 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Timothy E. Murphy and 22 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of J. T. McGillicuddy and 23 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Henderson Brothers and 19 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of James Tracy and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Fred Bradley and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of C. S. Goss and 20 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of O. L. Smith and 22 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Edward Higgins and 25 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of Charles Berry and 20 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of John Stone and 22 others of Lewiston and Auburn; of J. A. Fortier and 23 others of Lewiston and Auburn, severally for a shorter work day for women and minors.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing abatement of poll taxes to certain soldiers of the late war,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on bill "An Act to incorporate the Staples Academy," that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs,

Which report was read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes in relation to forgery and counterfeiting," that the same ought not to pass for the reason that the same matter had been previously acted upon by said committee;

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of Edwin York and 14 others of Albion, for a law for the better protection of fish in all brooks flowing through said town, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw for the reason that the matter comes within the jurisdiction of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game;

Report of the same committee on petition of Henry S. Harri-man and 61 others, that the law relating to close time on trout and salmon in Swan lake be extended to October 15th, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same committee on petition of J. A. Clement and others that the present law relating to smelts in Swan lake be repealed, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same committee on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 101 of the Private and Special Laws of 1857," [relating to the protection of deer on Cross island,] that the same ought not to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.  
AUGUSTA, February 1, 1897.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify

you that the Public Act, the title of which is hereto appended, has been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,

*Secretary of State.*

"An Act in relation to the bonds of trustees and guardians,"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to State liquor commissioner;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sales of land for non-payment of taxes;"

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act to amend section 17 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the organization of manufacturing corporations;"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of T. C. Kennedy and 210 others of New Castle and Damariscotta;

Of D. D. Perkins and 28 others of New Castle and Bristol;

Of George Cunningham and 11 others of New Castle and Damariscotta;

Severally to compel a two-thirds vote in towns to appropriate money for other than the usual purposes.

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented petition of C. A. Amback and 3 others of Sabattus for an act to amend chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Sabattus Water Company;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented remonstrance of A. D. Thayer and 104 others of Oxford;

Of F. B. Andrews and 14 others of Oxford;

Each against enlarging the corporate powers of the Oxford Village Corporation;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented petition of E. M. Steadman & Co., and 54 others of Portland, for restrictive legislation in regard to granting discharges in insolvency,

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 119 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the manner of assessment of common school fund;

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of C. E. Emery and 54 others of Athens;

Of W. D. Waugh and 28 others of Starks;

Each in favor of equalization of school tax;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 38 of Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 255 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of milk;"

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of F. F. Caswell and 12 others, citizens of Somerset county, to prohibit the dumping of sawdust and other refuse matter in Gilman Pond stream and its tributaries;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented "Resolve in aid of Wiscasset bridge;"

The same senator presented petition of S. McDougall and 40 others of Boothbay;

Of Hon. J. A. Peters of Bangor and 39 others;

Of C. A. Hutchins and 34 others of Edgecomb;

Of George B. Kenniston and 86 others of Boothbay Harbor;

Of C] A. Peaslee, M. D. and 83 others of Wiscasset;

Severally for an appropriation for the repair and preservation of Wiscasset bridge;

Which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. HURD of York, presented petition of Nathaniel Hobbs and 16 others of North Berwick for close time on Bonny Beg pond in the towns of North Berwick and Sanford,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bill:

"An Act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan plantation. Senate Document No. 33,

Which bill was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to amend Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to Glidden Water Company;"

"An Act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and hold stock and bonds of other corporations;"

"An Act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine;"

"An Act to amend section 38 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolve:

"An Act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company;"

"An Act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company;"

"Resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors, eligible thereto under existing law;"

Which bills were passed to be enacted and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were, by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill "An Act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company," (Senate Document No. 29) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company," (Senate Document No. 34) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by the same senator, petition of White Brothers and 15 others of Danforth, for an amendment to the charter of the Baskahegan Dam Company, (Senate Document No. 32) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented the following resolution:

*"Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate is hereby extended to Hon. E. C. Stevens, superintendent of public buildings, for fitting the members' desks with Yale locks and keys."

Which was read and unanimously adopted.

On motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford,  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, February 2, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. Nelligan of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary;"

Bill "An Act to establish the 'Maine Polyclinic;'"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of land for non-payment of taxes as amended by chapter 70 of Public Laws of 1895;"

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta;"

Bill "An Act to authorize Madison Village Corporation to purchase the property and franchises of the Madison Water Company and to incorporate the Madison Village Corporation water commissioners;"

Petition of C. O. Small and others of Madison Village Corporation to incorporate Madison Village Corporation Water Commission;

Petition of King S. Raymond and 38 others of the city of Westbrook for repeal of law restricting competition in supply of electrical power to towns and cities and asking legislation favorable for the generation and transmission of such power in Cumberland county;

Petition of Remi Plourd of Grand Isle and 30 others for an additional term of the supreme judicial court at Caribou;

Petition of committee of the board of trade of the city of Augusta, praying that the charter of said city may be amended and that the act be submitted to the legal voters of said city for their approval.

Petition of Arthur W. Pierce and 30 others of Deering for the repeal of certain laws of 1895 relating to the distribution of electricity;

Petition of V. C. Plummer and 10 other citizens of the western part of Washington county for the establishment of a municipal court for the western part of said county;

Petition of J. N. Bates and 213 others of Oakland and vicinity; of Alonzo Walker and 45 others; of Charles M. Downs and 49 others; of Delia Williams and others of Oakland; of J. C. Hartung and 217 others of Oakland and Belgrade for the use of the punitive chair in the punishment of criminals;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Charles F. Johnson and 50 others of Waterville; of G. A. Kennison and 40 others of Waterville, for amendment of the law relating to the inspection of milk, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the petitions to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the cities of Biddeford and Saco;"

Bill "An Act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts;"

Petition of T. P. Mathews and 25 others of Liberty for the passage of a bill to rid the country of pack peddlers;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to empower towns to elect a superintendent of schools and pay superintending school committee for services;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 19 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

"Resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

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Petition of Leroy O. Straw and 30 others of Newfield; of E. H. Gerald and 50 others of Clinton; of G. E. Wilkins and 115 others of Presque Isle; of L. W. Jose and 32 others of Dexter;

Each for change of school tax law;

Petition of S. G. Shurtleff and 41 others of Livermore in favor of Leavitt Institute;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Simpson and 48 others in aid of petition of V. R. Tuttle and others, relative to Waldo and Somerset Railway Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mutual fire insurance companies,"



Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Misery Stream Dam Company;"

Bill "An Act to provide for the navigation of the Kennebec river between Shawmut dam and the south line of Skowhegan;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of John Tinkham and 89 others for aid in building highway in towns of Starks and Anson,

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Keene and 7 others of East Madrid for an appropriation for sufficient warden service in Franklin county for the years 1897-1898;

Petition of J. B. Packard and 40 others of Camden for an appropriation for protection of fish and game for the years 1897-1898;

Petition of William A. Jackson and 29 others of Jefferson for an appropriation for sufficient warden service in Lincoln county for the years 1897-1898;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of John H. Mayers and 11 others of Dresden relative to taking shad and alewives from the Eastern river in Dresden;

Petition of Charles E. Patten and 38 others of Bath for the enactment of a law abolishing all weirs, hedges, pounds, nets, set or otherwise, and all devices of every description for the taking of smelts except by hook and line;

Remonstrance of Charles P. Small and 34 others of Winnegance, against transferring to the Winnegance Mill Dam Company the right to catch bass in Winnegance creek;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of W. I. Crane and 21 others, citizens of the town of Whiting, against the division of said town;

Remonstrance of John Gowell and 183 others of Berwick, against the proposed division of Berwick;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the taxation of real estate mortgaged;"

Petition of Levi Leighton and 41 others of Columbia Falls; of J. E. White and 46 others of Columbia; of F. G. Coffin and 54 others of Harrington, for additional aid for public schools; also to reduce the sum to be raised by towns for same;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to repeal section 42 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to re-sentencing convicts sentenced to the State Prison," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Amos W. Low and 22 others, that the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association be changed to the Springvale Agricultural and Mechanical Association, submitting bill "An Act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses on bill "An Act relating to expenditures of the railroad commissioners," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Hancock County Delegation on order relating to changing the January term of the county commissioners court so as to conform in time with the January term of the supreme judicial court, submitting bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the January term of the county commissioners court of Hancock county;"

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to provide for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland upon half pay;"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company;"

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of Miss Isabel James, president of W. C. T. U., and others of New Limerick;

Of H. R. C. Avery and others of Jefferson;

Of Mrs. Alberta Thorne and others of Plymouth;

Of Mrs. Etta G. Spear and others of West Gardiner;

Of Hannah J. Bailey and others of Winthrop;

Of Mrs. L. E. Hacker and others of Fort Fairfield;

Of Charles Haines and others of Winthrop;

Of Jennie A. Packard and others of Winthrop;

Of J. W. Price and others of Dresden;

Of Mrs. G. E. Morrill and others of Cumberland Mills;

Mr. HARGRAVES of York, presented petition of Sarah L. Cram and 60 others of Biddeford;

Each for the protection of girls;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of Charles C. Jordan and 18 others of Cape Elizabeth in favor of school tax bill,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, presented petition of Horatio Hall and 64 others of Naples;

Of John McLellan and 30 others of Richmond;

Each for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to pressed hay,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The same senator presented "Resolve in favor of Daniel L. Warren of Thomaston, Maine,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented petition of Caroline S. Wilson and others of Bangor for a reformatory prison for women,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be required to examine into the expediency of having bells attached to horses drawing teams with wheels after dark.

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday, February 10, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M. be specially assigned for the consideration of resolutions in commemoration of the life and services of the late Ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis.

Which was read and passed.

Mr. MERRILL from the Committee on Agriculture, on resolve of the Somerset County Pomona Grange, in favor of the cash versus the labor system, for repairing highways, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

"An Act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan plantation,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills:

"An Act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children;"

"An Act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company;"

"An Act in addition to and to amend chapter 634, Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company;"

"An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, relating to the Augusta municipal court;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 503 of the Private and Special Laws of 1828, to regulate the taking of fish in Narraguagus river;"

"An Act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay a railroad track, lease its franchise and other purposes;"

"An Act to amend 'An Act establishing a municipal court in the town of Waterville;'"

Which bills were passed to be enacted in concurrence and having been signed by the President, were, by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, the communication from the committee appointed under chapter 121 of the resolves of 1895, entitled, "Resolve in favor of reducing the price of board at the Maine Insane Hospital," (Senate Document No. 24) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, bill "An Act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in the Kennebec registry," was taken from the table, read once, and Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PIKE of York,  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, February 3, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending that portion of section 38 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to poll taxes, as to establish a uniform rate of poll taxes throughout the State, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending our school laws that towns may have the power to elect the school supervisor or superintendent and invest him with the authority to employ, examine and certificate teachers, and inspect and manage schools and furnish school supplies, and with the advice of the committee and for reasons now set forth in the statutes, discharge teachers, and suspend or expel disorderly pupils;

The Senate concurring, that the secretaries of the different committees be directed to furnish to the Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate, forthwith, a list of all measures now pending before their various committees calling for appropriations of money, with the amounts specified, to enable the Clerk to comply with the order passed January 22, 1897, and the Secretary of the Senate to comply with the order passed January 26, 1897;

Which were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 33, chapter 24, Revised Statutes, relating to paupers;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 45, chapter 140, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Prison;"

Bill "An Act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company;"

Petition of Horace M. Leighton and 25 others of Columbia Falls, for the establishment of a municipal court in the western part of Washington county;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. J. A. Hodgkins and 42 others of Gardiner; of Estelle M. Brainard and 62 others of China; of Hon. Frederick Robie and others of Gorham;

Each for municipal suffrage for women;

Came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, were laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to amend section 65 of chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, relative to poor debtors;"

Bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 9 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ways;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 506 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Deering,' as amended by chapter 439 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 633 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 238 of Private and Special Laws of 1895;"

Bill "An Act to establish a commission of public works in the city of Deering;"

Petition of Turner Willey of Washburn and 25 others; of David A. Hone of Presque Isle and 81 others;

Each for change in insolvency law;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of George W. Stevens of Bangor and 550 others, for a change of by-laws of the Eastern Maine General Hospital,

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of John E. Sawyer and 40 others of Deering, in aid of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of C. L. Whitten and 13 others of Burnham; of L. A. Packard and 28 others of Jay;

Each in favor of school tax bill;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of G. T. Cook of Casco and 60 others in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of R. G. Hodgdon and others, trustees of Boothbay Savings Bank; of G. C. Yeaton and others, trustees of South Berwick Savings Bank; of James H. Leigh and others, trustees of Hallowell Savings Institute; of C. G. Totman and others, trustees of Fairfield Savings Bank; of Frederick Robie and others, trustees of Gorham Savings Bank; of W. S. Badger and others, trustees of Augusta Savings Bank; of R. Jordan and others, trustees of Saco Savings Bank;

Severally for a reduction of the tax on savings banks;

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, were laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, chapter 232 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891," [entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Thorn Brook Dam Company;']

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of George Gardner and 58 others of Cutler, for an appropriation for roads and bridges in the town of Cutler,



Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to limit the amount of white perch to be taken in Meddybemps lake, in the county of Washington;"

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation to J. F. Gerrity and Company of Bangor;"

Petition of H. M. Littlefield and others of Waterboro for the repeal of chapter 224 of the laws of 1891, prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond and its tributaries;

Petition of H. D. Harvey and 17 others for a close time on Harvey's pond in Levant;

Petition of A. B. Harding and 21 others of Union for an appropriation for sufficient warden service in Knox county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Petition of E. S. Reed and 23 others of Harmony for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Somerset county for the years 1897 and 1898;

Remonstrance of Charles Nicholas and others of Greenville, against any change in the open season for the killing of moose, deer and caribou;

Remonstrance of William G. Heath and 44 others; of E. A. Buker and 111 others; of Mark C. Devereux and 44 others; of H. J. Wood and 112 others against any change in the law regulating the taking of salmon on the Penobscot river;

Remonstrance of W. S. Marble and others of Rangeley, against the guide license bill;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Otis M. Candage and 27 others of Bluehill; of Francis D. Long and 24 others of Bluehill;

Each for the repeal of section 8, chapter 247, laws of 1893, prohibiting taking smelts by purse or drag seines in the waters of Bluehill bay,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Henry A. Sprague and others of Charlotte for prohibition of manufacture and sale of cigarettes,

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of M. J. McRoy and 33 others of Harrington, in favor of school tax bill,

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Taxation,

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the petition to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 51 Revised Statutes, for the transportation of bicycles,"

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Penobscot County Delegation, on bill "An Act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in making temporary loans and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds," that the same ought to pass;

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

AUGUSTA, February 3, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the

Public Act, the title of which is hereto appended, has been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,

Secretary of State.

"An Act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children,"

Which was read and sent down.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the third annual report of the Forest Commissioner, for 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act in relation to suits by organized unincorporated societies and associations;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds;"

The same Senator presented bill "An Act in addition to chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations;"

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of W. H. Powell and 88 others of Old Town, for repeal of section 1 of chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the authority of corporations to make and sell gas and electricity;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of John S. Harlow, county attorney of Oxford county, for the enactment of a law authorizing the employment of a stenographer to take evidence given before the grand jury;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of George W. Heselton, county attorney of Kennebec county, and others, for employment of stenographer to take evidence before the grand jury, with bill accompanying;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the discharge of mortgages of real estate,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented "Resolve in favor of the Portland School for the Deaf,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented remonstrance of F. I. Brown and 53 others of Readfield, against the Maine Central Railroad Company erecting and maintaining a wharf and boat house on Lake Maranocook;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented remonstrance of H. E. Foster and 32 others of Winthrop, against the Maine Central Railroad Company erecting and maintaining a wharf and boat house on Lake Maranocook;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of J. D. Carey and 54 others of Montville, for an appropriation to operate the hatchery at St. George lake and also for warden service for 1897-1898.

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented "Resolve in favor of State Pension Agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented remonstrance of James H. Varney, register of deeds for Lincoln county;

Of county commissioners, county attorney, county treasurer, register of probate, clerk of courts, judge of probate and coroner of Lincoln county;

Of William H. Hilton and 33 others of Lincoln county, members of Lincoln bar and prominent citizens;

Each against removing records from Lincoln county registry of deeds;

Which were ordered filed with the report of the Kennebec County Delegation, on bill "An Act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in the Kennebec registry," on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN;

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Senate Chamber be allowed the Committee on Towns this, Wednesday, afternoon, for the purposes of a hearing,

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be until to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock,

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petitions of Maria L. Smith and many others, praying for suffrage for women in municipal affairs, as well as the remonstrance of Mrs. J. P. Baxter and many others, against the same, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw,

Which report was read and accepted.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act in reference to patients in Bangor General Hospital being allowed to designate their physicians," reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs,

Which report was read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. SALLEY from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of county commissioners of Somerset county, for aid in repairing The Forks bridge in said county, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,

Which report was read and accepted and the petition referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 124, Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to provide for the better protection of public records," submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the same committee, on bill "An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay, and bridges over tide water in town of Harpswell," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WEEKS from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of James Aug. Healy, for aid for St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland, submitted "Resolve in favor of the Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland;"

Mr. SALLEY from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of Albert Leavitt and others, for aid in building a bridge across Sandy stream in Lexington, Somerset county, submitted "Resolve in favor of aid in building bridge across Sandy stream in Lexington plantation;"

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Library, who have had under consideration the needs of the State Library for the years 1897-1898, submitted "Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library, for the years 1897-1898;"

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Kennebec County Delegation, on bill "An Act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in Kennebec registry,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to repeal section 42 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to re-sentencing convicts sentenced to the State prison;"

"An Act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association;"

"An Act relating to expenditures of the Railroad Commissioners;"

"An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the January term of the county commissioners' court for Hancock county;"

Which were read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the following bill:

"An Act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn,"

Which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President was, by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis,  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 4, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. George of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, That when the House and Senate adjourn to-morrow morning it be until Tuesday next at ten o'clock,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Farmington village corporation;'"

Resolve by the board of trade of the city of Deering, relating to certain laws of 1895, relating to the transmission and distribution of electricity;

Petition of O. H. Drake and 45 others of Pittsfield, praying that the Legislature will provide such enactment as will raise the age of protection for girls from 14 years as it now stands in Maine to the age of 18 years;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine,' as found in chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, and as amended by chapter 311 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864, and further amended by chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1880;"

Bill "An Act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Piscataqua river in the town of Eliot, county of York;"

Bill "An Act regulating the use of bicycles by the municipal officers of towns;"

Bill "An Act to increase the efficiency of the local board of health of the town of Eden;"



Bill "An Act to incorporate the Kingfield Water Company;"

Petition of F. W. Meservy and 16 others for law prohibiting the use of firearms by boys under 18 years of age;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Communication from Col. Ethan Allen, president of "The Cuban League" of the United States, relating to the independence of Cuba;

Communication from the National Arbitration Committee relative to the arbitration treaty now before the United States Senate;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to increase the efficiency of free high schools and equalize the amount of State aid for preparatory schools;"

"Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago;"

Petition of B. F. Neal and 36 others of New Sharon; of D. A. Sylvester and 22 others of Etna; of George A. Friend and 32 others of Etna; for equalization of school tax;

Petition of R. D. Leavitt and 45 others of Turner in favor of Leavitt Institute;

Petition of Asa Jones and 54 others in favor of Springfield Normal School and to renew chapter 68 of the resolves of 1891;

Petition of G. H. Haynes and 19 others of Chester, asking for an appropriation to aid in erecting a high school building in said town;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate Southport and Boothbay Harbor Telephone and Telegraph Company;"

Bill "An Act to amend an act incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company;"

Petition of the municipal officers of the city of Westbrook; of A. E. Mayberry and 67 others of Otisfield; of E. B. Jackson and 18 others of Bridgton; of Elbridge Lord and 92 others of Westbrook;

Each in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad;

Petition of R. Y. Swift and 34 others; of H. B. Prescott and citizens of Franklin county;

Each in favor of granting a charter for Franklin, Somerset and Kennebec Railroad;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to revive the charter of the Portland Loan Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "An Act instructing assessors to enumerate poultry,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of the Third Army Corps Union; of 17th Maine Regiment Association;

Each for the erection of a monument to the memory of Major General Hiram G. Berry,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Steamboat Company;"

Remonstrance of S. G. Davis and 157 others of Winthrop and Readfield, against authorizing the Maine Central Railroad Company to erect and maintain a wharf and boat house on Lake Maranocook in Winthrop and Readfield;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the publication of a map of the State of Maine;"

Communication from the American Wheelman Publishing Company of New York, relative to road improvement;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to repeal chapter 268 of Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the taking of fish in Little Tunk pond in plantation No. 7, in Hancock county;"

Bill "An Act for the protection of fish in Duck pond, Cumberland county;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 40 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 260 of Public Laws of 1885, and by subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof," [relating to migratory fish;]

Remonstrance of A. M. Robinson, C. W. Ellis and others, against an act relating to the throwing of sawdust into Wilson stream;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of G. M. Croker and 40 others of Edgecomb; of William H. Miller of Waldoboro and 58 others; of Augustus Hitchcock and 85 others of Damariscotta; of A. A. Hall and 225 others of New Castle; of W. S. Peaslee and others of Wiscasset; of A. H. Dodge and 80 others of North Newcastle; of J. W. Haggett and 217 others of Damariscotta Mills and vicinity;

Severally against any change in the smelt law on Damariscotta river;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of D. O. Bowen and 20 others of Morrill; of Joseph K. Dickey and 29 others of Morrill; of V. C. Plummer and 32 others of Addison; in favor of school tax bill;

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Taxation;

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the petitions to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of C. N. Soule and 10 others; of A. W. Pottle and 43 others;

Each to establish a salary for sheriff of Franklin county.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of James C. Rairden and others of Edgecomb, with bill accompanying, that Erastus Cunningham be empowered to build a fishway at Lily pond in the town of Edgecomb, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw,

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Atienne Lewi, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians,”

Came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee.

The rules were suspended, the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Horace Nicola, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians,”

Came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, the resolve was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on order relating to ascertaining the amount of outstanding bills incurred by reason of the slaughter of animals infected with tuberculosis, exceeding the appropriations that have been made for that purpose, submitting “Resolve making appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis for the year 1896;”

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of Elijah Walker, formerly colonel of the Fourth Maine Regiment of Infantry, for appropriation for marking a position held by that regiment on the battlefield of Gettysburg, submitting “Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg;”

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of Moses B. Lakeman, formerly colonel of Third Maine Regiment, for an appropriation for marking a position held by that regi-

ment on the battlefield of Gettysburg, submitting "Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg;"

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill "An Act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips, as amended by the act of 1880, chapter 221," that the same ought to pass,

Came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.  
AUGUSTA, February 4, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:*

I have the honor to herewith transmit the report of the Commissioners appointed to investigate, revise and simplify the laws relating to sea and shore fisheries, together with an act to revise and consolidate the public laws relating to sea and shore fisheries, and an act authorizing commissioners to make special regulation as to local fisheries.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
Secretary of State.

The communication was read and, with the accompanying report and drafts of bills, referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the board of trustees of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,

Which was referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented bill "An Act to amend section 17 of chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the punishment for rape, as amended by chapter 127 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 180 of the Public Laws of 1889;"

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented petition of The Portland Clearing House Association, relating to transfer of stock for collateral security, a bank half holiday and abolition of days of grace,

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act concerning the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented petition of Israel Ouellette and 29 others for aid to the Chautauqua high school in Frenchville,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of W. H. Moody for amendment of section 66, chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to highways, with bill accompanying,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act to prohibit persons not inhabitants of this State from killing and hunting fur-bearing animals,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Lincoln;"

Mr. SHARP of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of W. A. Cochran and others, for a fishway at Lily pond, Edgecomb,

Which was laid on the table on motion by the same Senator.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses inquire into the necessity and expediency of legislation to prevent unjust discrimination in tolls and charges between patrons, by telegraph and telephone companies.

On motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game "ought not to pass," on bill "An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island," be taken from the files and re-committed to that committee.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Which were read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"Resolve in favor of aid in building bridge across Sandy stream in Lexington plantation." Senate Document No. 37;

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county." Senate Document No. 38;

"An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 124, Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy." Senate Document No. 39;

"An Act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec." Senate Document No. 40;

Which bills and resolve were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Abel Davis and 48 others of Pittsfield for a municipal court to be known as the Pittsfield municipal court, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw,

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MERRILL from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads," submitted the same in new draft under the same title.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinal Haven Telegraph and Telephone Company," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinal Haven Telegraph and Telephone Company."

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. MAXWELL from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad, its successors and assigns to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house on Lake Maranocook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted, and the resolve and bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in making temporary loans and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds;"



"An Act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the petitions of Mrs. J. A. Hodgkins and 42 others of Gardiner; of Estelle M. Brainard and 62 others of China; of Hon. Frederick Robie and others of Gorham; each for municipal suffrage for women, were taken from the table and ordered filed with the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the subject.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, February 5, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to incorporate The Northern Development and Manufacturing Company;"

Bill "An Act relating to chapter 189 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Company;'"

Bill "An Act providing for the support of the chronic insane by the State after five years residence at the Insane Hospital;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Company;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Tomquist and 41 others of New Sweden in regard to an act to change the insolvent law;

Remonstrance of Josiah Crosby and 162 others of Dexter, against the passage of "An Act to amend charter of Dexter Water Company;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to instruction in the use of tools and in cooking in public schools,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of John R. McClellan and 17 others of Skowhegan; of George L. Webb and 47 others;

Each in aid of petition of V. R. Tuttle and others for extension of charter of Waldo and Somerset Railway Company,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of Edward P. Burnham, president of Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, and 5 others, trustees and officers of said institution, for a reduction of tax on savings banks;

Came from the House, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and on motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York, was laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the taking of clams in the towns of Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Brooksville, Brooklin, Bluehill, Castine and Swan's Island,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the salaries of the county commissioners of Franklin county,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff," that the same ought not to pass, came from the House re-committed to the committee, and was re-committed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Albion Gates and 25 others, in favor of bankers giving bond, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw,

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Tuesday, next, assigned for its second reading.

The following communication was received from the Executive Department:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
AUGUSTA, February 5, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor herewith to transmit, for the consideration of the Legislature, a communication from the executors of the will of the late Joseph H. Williams of Augusta.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

AUGUSTA, ME., January 27, 1897.

*To His Excellency, Llewellyn Powers, Governor of the State of Maine:*

Sir:

The undersigned, executors of the will of Joseph H. Williams, late of Augusta, would respectfully inform you that by the sixth item of his will, Mr. Williams made a bequest for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital, in the terms following:

"Sixth—I give and bequeath to the State of Maine, one thousand dollars in trust, and upon the condition following, viz.: That a sum of money, not less than forty dollars, shall be appropriated from time to time, by the State Legislature, and paid annually to the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital located in Augusta, aforesaid; to be expended from time to time in the purchase of articles of art or use for the diversion of patients in the said hospital."

Said executors would also inform you that they shall be ready at an early day to pay the amount of this legacy in case the conditions attached to it by said will are complied with by the State of Maine.

We are very truly yours,

(Signed)

Hophni Judd,

Lendall Titcomb,

Executors of the will of Joseph H. Williams.

The communication was read and, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Printed bills:

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library for the years 1897-1898." Senate Document No. 41;

"An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay and bridges over tide water, in the town of Harpswell." Senate Document No. 42;

"An Act to provide for the better protection of public records." Senate Document No. 43;

"Resolve in favor of the Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum in Portland." Senate Document No. 44;

"An Act to amend chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinal Haven Telegraph and Telephone Company." Senate Document No. 45;

"An Act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company." Senate Document No. 46;

"An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf

and boat house in Lake Maranocook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop." Senate Document No. 47;

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital." Senate Document No. 48;

"An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads." Senate Document No. 49;

Which bills and resolves were each read once and Tuesday next assigned for their second reading.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the communication of the Executive of each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted in 1895 and 1896, reported that no legislation is necessary,

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in relation to suits by organized unincorporated societies and associations," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act in addition to chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator from the same committee, on "Resolve in favor of Cyrus Knapp and John A. Rowell, executors of the last will and testament of Abbie B. Downing," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester, and to authorize the sale of its meeting house and lot," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"Resolve in favor of aid in building bridge across Sandy stream in Lexington plantation;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county;"

"An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 124, Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy;"

"An Act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec;"

Which resolve and bills were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve making appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis for the year 1896;"

"Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battle-field of Gettysburg;"

"Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battle-field of Gettysburg;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"An Act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips, as amended by the act of 1880, chapter 221;"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A," in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend section 17, chapter 60, of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings;"

"An Act to repeal section 42 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to re-sentencing convicts sentenced to the State prison;"

"An Act to amend section 38 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings;"

"An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to migratory fish;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the January term of the county commissioners' court of Hancock county;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery;"

"An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices;"

"An Act relating to expenditures of the Railroad commissioners;"

"An Act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in making temporary loans and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds;"

"An Act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor;"

"An Act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company;"

"An Act to amend Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to Glidden Water Company;"

"An Act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan plantation;"

"An Act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine;"

"An Act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and hold stock and bonds of other corporations;"

"An Act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital;"

"An Act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association;"

"Resolve in favor of Atienne Lewi, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians;"

"Resolve in relation to the claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in defence of the United States;"

Which bills were passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were, by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

In compliance with the order, the report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long island," was taken from the files, the vote accepting the report was re-considered, and the bill re-committed to the committee.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, by request of Mr. Wyman of Washington, petition of W. A. Cochran and others for a fishway at Lily pond, Edgecomb, was taken from the table and ordered placed on file with the report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries on the subject.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington, the vote was re-considered whereby the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate, revise and simplify the laws relating to sea and shore fisheries, was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries, and the same was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,  
Adjourned.



TUESDAY, February 9, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Henry of Gardiner.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that the Joint Special Committee on Salaries be directed to investigate as to a re-adjustment of the salaries of the judges and registers of probate in the various counties, relative to probate proceedings, and also what salaries in addition, they should receive for services in insolvency matters, in case the fee system, so far as it relates to those officers, should be abolished, and report by bill or otherwise.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to change the northern register of deeds office in Aroostook county,"

Bill "An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 319 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company;'"

Petition of John Watson and 80 others of Houlton for change in insolvency law;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth Academy;"

Petition of John Kimball and 35 others of Turner; of E. E. Additon and others of Leeds; of H. D. Irish and 10 others of Buckfield; of Dr. J. T. Cushing and 30 others of Turner; of Frank E. Bray and 19 others of Turner; of Solon Chase and 35 others of Turner;

Severally for an appropriation for Leavitt Institute;

Petition of B. H. Sanborn and 41 others of Blaine for normal school at Presque Isle;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 193, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company,'"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "An Act establishing a standard measure for cream,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to abate taxes on the west half of township number four, range five, west of Kennebec river, in Somerset county;"

Petition of George Z. Vaughan and others, citizens of and tax payers in Lang plantation, for an abatement of taxes in Lang plantation;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to provide for the waiver of jury trials in civil cases in the supreme judicial and superior courts," that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the report of the Maine Insane Hospital, also report of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital Commission,

Which were referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

## STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, February 9, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act to amend section 38, chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings;"

"An Act relating to expenditures of the Railroad Commissioners;"

"An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the January term of the county commissioners' court of Hancock county;"

"An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to migratory fish;"

"An Act to repeal section 42, chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to re-sentencing convicts sentenced to the State prison;"

"An Act to amend section 17, chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce."

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo presented bill "An Act to dispense with a grand jury at the January term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Waldo, and to change the time of holding the October term of said court in said county."

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioners court for the county of Lincoln."

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act granting new charter to the city of Portland;"

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of Washington R. Prescott, county attorney of Knox county, and Grant Rogers, county attorney of Sagadahoc county, in favor of the employment of stenographer before grand jury;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented remonstrance of C. L. Bray and 30 others of Oxford;

Of Alvin L. Marr and 6 others of Oxford;

Each against enlarging the corporate powers of Oxford village corporation;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to punish the commission of loud and boisterous noises in dwelling houses;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance;'"

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented bill "An Act to amend section 16, chapter 24 of Revised Statutes, relating to paupers;"

Mr. SHARP of Aroostook, presented petition of G. B. Hayward and 32 others of Ashland;

Of Robert McLeod and 26 others of Monticello;

Of H. N. Whitehead and 185 others of Houlton;

Severally for change in the insolvent law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of Parker Spofford of Bucksport and 51 others:

Of Stephen E. Cox and 22 others of Robbinston;

Of Rev. A. G. Fitz and 31 others of Bridgton and Waterford;

Severally for appropriation for Girls' Home at Belfast;

Which were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf."

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of James A. Kimball and 17 others of Albany;

Of Ansel Holway and 95 others of Skowhegan;

Of A. H. Ellis and 13 others of Fairfield;

Of Kate B. Ellis and 17 others of Fairfield;

Severally for change in school tax law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Banking and Trust Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to authorize county commissioners to lay out railroads for temporary purposes in unincorporated townships,"

Which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of F. L. Walker and 132 others, citizens of Oxford, Poland and Otisfield, for removal of close time on bass in Thompson pond,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented petition of John O. Shaw of Bath and 18 others;

Of Herbert W. Cutting and 23 others of Bath, West Bath and Phippsburg;

Of John G. Morse and 11 others of Phippsburg;

Severally for change in the law relating to fishing in Winnegance Creek;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented remonstrance of L. C. Bateman and 26 others of Rumford Falls;

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, presented remonstrance of Ernesto Ponce and 23 others of Portland;

Each against proposed cigarette law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the Maine State Bar Association be granted the use of the Senate Chamber for Wednesday afternoon, February 10, 1897.

Which was read and passed.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented the following resolution:

Resolution of sympathy to Senator Simpson in his affliction:

Whereas death has visited the family of our associate, Senator Simpson of Hancock:

*Resolved*, That it is with profound regret the Senate of Maine receives the information of the death of the son of Senator Simpson and hereby extend to him our sincere sympathy in his affliction.

Which was read and unanimously adopted

Printed bills:

"An Act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester, and to authorize the sale of its meeting-house and lot." Senate Document No. 51;

"An Act to amend chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner." Senate Document No. 52;

"An Act in relation to suits by organized unincorporated societies and associations." Senate Document No. 53,

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus Knapp and John A. Rowell, executors of the last will and testament of Abbie B. Downing." Senate Document No. 55;

Which bills and resolve were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act in addition to chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies, and other like corporations." Senate Document No. 54,

Which was read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

The Committee on Bills in the second reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library for the years 1897-1898;"

"An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay and bridges over tide water, in the town of Harpswell;"

"An Act to provide for the better protection of public records;"

"Resolve in favor of the Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum in Portland;"

"An Act to amend chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinalhaven Telegraph and Telephone Company;"

"An Act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house in Lake Maranacook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop;"

“Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital;”

“An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads;”

Which were read the second time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent down for concurrence.

“An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government,”

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington, the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate, revise and simplify the laws relating to sea and shore fisheries, (Senate Document No. 50,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the communication relating to the bequest of the late Joseph H. Williams of Augusta, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, petitions of George B. Sawyer and others, and of J. W. Butterfield and others, for reduction of tax on savings banks, were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

On motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, petition of Reuben Foster and others for reduction of tax on savings banks was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, petition of Benjamin F. Sturgis and others; of James B. Dascomb and others; of George S. Woodman and others; of John M. Goodwin and others; of J. W. Fairbanks and others; of John Ayer and others; of C. O. Farrington and others; of J. F. Davis and others; of Bath Savings Institution and Peoples Safe Deposit and Savings Bank; of Camden Savings Bank; of A. H. Walker and others; of R. W. Lord and others; of S. B. Twitchell and others; of A. M. Robinson and others; of Rockland Savings



Bank; of Thomas Tarbox and others; of Samuel F. Humphrey and others; of trustees of Penobscot Savings Bank of Bangor; of Cyrus Greely and others; of C. I. Barker and others;

Severally for reduction of tax on savings bank, were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, petition of R. G. Hodgdon and others; of G. C. Yeaton and others; of James H. Leigh and others; of C. G. Totman and others; of Frederick Robie and others; of W. S. Badger and others; of R. Jordan and others, severally for a reduction of the tax on savings banks, were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York, petition of Edward P. Burnham and others for a reduction of the tax on savings banks was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, "Resolve in favor of Horace Nicola, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians," was taken from the table, read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SALLEY of Somerset,  
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to establish the Sanford Municipal Court," came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference in concurrence;

Bill "An Act to amend section 194 of chapter 6 of Revised Statutes as amended by section 3 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of real estate for taxes," came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, was laid on the table to be printed, pending reference in concurrence;

Bill "An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry in the State of Maine;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Hallowell;'"

Bill "An Act relating to corporations organized under the general law;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 80 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 164 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to injuries on ways;"

Petition of A. J. Merritt and 25 others, citizens of the western part of Washington county, for the establishment of a municipal court in the western part of said county.

Petition of Nathan W. Harris and 300 others of Auburn for an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the raising of money by taxation for any sectarian or religious institution;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of land for taxes;"

Bill "An Act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company;"

Petition of the officers and proprietors of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company for an act to legalize the doings of said company;

Petition of Leroy O. Straw and 19 others of Newfield; of Ai Q. Mitchell and 32 others of Newfield; of Albert H. Davis and 10 others of Newfield for the incorporation of Newfield Academy;

Remonstrance of O. M. Reynalds and others of Lubec against the proposed incorporation of Staples Academy;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Albert H. Davis and 10 others of Newfield; of Ai Q. Mitchell and 32 others of Newfield asking for the passage of resolve in favor of Newfield Academy;

Petition of G. P. Ricker and 24 others of Perry; of C. S. Adams and 23 others of South Montville; of J. H. Sanborn and 51 others of Dover; of J. M. Gerry and 50 others of Garland; of G. F. Libby and 15 others of Woolwich; of A. H. Thompson and 87 others of Limestone; of I. J. Thayer and 20 others of Oakland; of A. T. Mitchell and 32 others of Washington, for a change in the school tax law;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of H. S. Melcher Company and 87 others, business men of Portland; of Kimball Eastman and 57 others of Westbrook, for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad;

Petition of Perley B. Foster and others of Bridgton in favor of the charter of the electric railroad from Westbrook through Bridgton village to Waterford;

Petition of A. J. Murry and 30 others of Shapleigh; of Charles H. Frost and 183 others of Sanford; of Sanford Mills and 179 others of Sanford, in favor of extending the charter of the Mousam River Railroad Company, and also amendment of the same;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of M. V. B. Chase and others, trustees of the Kennebec Savings Bank; of Geo. W. Drisko and others, trustees of the Machias Savings Bank; of W. E. Vinal and others, trustees of the Thomaston Savings Bank; of Wm. Abbott and others, trustees of the Tremont Savings Bank; of Cyrus S. Tucker and others, trustees of the Norway Savings Bank; of Wm. Woods and others, trustees of the Calais Savings Bank; of Almon H. Fogg and others trustees of the Houlton Savings Bank; of E. M. Tibbetts and others, trustees of the Dexter Savings Bank; of N. F. Houston and others, trustees of the Belfast Savings Bank; of Alva Shurtleff and others, trustees of the South Paris Savings Bank; of James G. Pendleton and others, trustees of the Searsport Savings Bank, asking for a reduction of the tax on savings banks;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of H. T. Silsby and 31 others of Hancock county for a bounty on wild cats,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the staff of the commander-in-chief,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Jonesborough;"

Petition of H. A. Batchelder and 21 others of Yarmouth for privilege to build and maintain a bridge between the islands of Cousen's and Littlejohn's in said town;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act for the protection of deer upon the island of Isle au Haut in the county of Hancock;"

Remonstrance of W. W. Hurd and 39 others against close time on trout in any of the streams running through the town of Montville;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to authorize the construction of a well, in tide waters, on Sheeps Cove Ledge, in Pennamaquon river in Pembroke, county of Washington;"

Petition of J. L. Brown and 132 others of Bowdoinham; of William T. Hall and 63 others of Richmond; that no change be made in the law relative to taking smelts in the Kennebec river and its tributaries;

Petition of C. H. Dunton of Pittston and 20 others for the better preservation of smelts in the Kennebec river;

Which were severally referred to to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of H. E. Judkins and 20 others of Waterville; of B. C. Gibson and 8 others; of Green Brothers and A. W. Higgins of Bar Harbor; of J. Andrews and 16 others; of John H. McFaul and 17 others of Eastport; of proprietors of Ocean Bluff House, Kennebunkport,

Severally against proposed cigarette law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 1, chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, relating to the taxation of certain plantations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Cumberland,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on bill "An Act to incorporate the Lake Onawa Dam Company," that the same be printed and re-committed to the committee;

Report of the Committee on Towns on petition of C. N. Mooers and 50 others of Orneville that said town of Orneville be annexed to and made a part of the town of Milo, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend section 59, paragraph 6 of said section of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Hospital,' " that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "An Act providing for investments of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies, incorporated in this State," submitting the same in new draft under the title of "An Act to amend section 8, chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, providing for investments of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State;"

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on bill "An Act to amend section 4, chapter 256 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river," submitting the same in new draft under the same title;

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox," that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the report of the Treasurer of State, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act relating to transfers of stock;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays which are not holidays;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Company;"

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company;"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PIKE of York, presented bill "An Act to repeal section 3 of chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895," (entitled An Act to provide for the incorporation and control of telegraph companies and telephone companies);

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 94 of the Public Laws of 1891," (relating to the Board of Agriculture);

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act for the protection of beaver,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game;

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of H. W. Howard and 77 others of Bath for prohibiting setting of nets,

weirs and other devices for the catching of smelts in the Kennebec river;

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented remonstrance of G. W. Hosmer and 33 others of Phippsburg against any change in the law relative to taking smelts on the Kennebec river or its tributaries;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of Mrs. A. C. Rogers and 119 others of Pembroke, for the establishment of a reformatory prison for women,

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented, "Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Library.

Mr. HURD of York, presented petition of J. H. Littlefield and 23 others of Ogunquit for an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes;

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented remonstrance of E. S. Linekin;

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented remonstrance of Caleb B. Goodwin and 21 others;

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, presented remonstrance of James B. Jones and 6 others of Peaks Island;

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented remonstrance of W. G. Stevens and 16 others of Castine;

Mr. SIMPSON of Hancock, presented remonstrance of R. J. Lemont, M. D., and 5 others of Southwest Harbor;

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented remonstrance of Mrs. M. C. Carney and 6 others of Eastport;

Severally against proposed cigarette law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented, "Resolve in favor of Committee on Eastern Insane Hospital,"

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules, on motion by the same senator, and passed to be engrossed.



On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of such legislation as will render women eligible to election as overseers of the poor in the towns of this State, and report by bill or otherwise,

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of fires, and the publication of statistics relating to the same," reported that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted, the bill (Senate Document No. 18) read once and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State Library," submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

Mr. CLASON from the same committee, on bill "An Act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county," submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

The same senator from the same committee on bill "An Act to amend chapter 274 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled, 'An Act to fix the salary of the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland,' " submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve:

"An Act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester, and to authorize the sale of its meeting-house and lot;"

"An Act to amend chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner;"

"An Act in relation to suits by organized unincorporated societies and associations;"

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus Knapp and John A. Rowell, executors of the last will and testament of Abbie B. Downing;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

"An Act in addition to chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill and resolves:

"An Act additional to the Act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips, as amended by the act of 1880, chapter 221;"

"Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg;"

"Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg;"

"Resolve making appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis for the year 1896;"

Which bill was passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were, by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented the following resolutions:

Whereas, this Senate is profoundly sensible of the great loss the State has sustained in the death of Honorable Daniel F. Davis, one of its distinguished governors:

And whereas, we desire to express our appreciation of his high character and ability, as well as our regard for his great personal worth, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Daniel F. Davis the State has lost an eminent and greatly beloved citizen, whose conspicuous ability brought him early in life to the highest office in the gift of its people, and whose courage and devotion to duty, and wise and patriotic administration of the government in the trying times of his official life, are a part of the history of the State.

*Resolved*, That in his death the State has lost a loyal and devoted son who believed in the grandeur of our heritage; to whom our varied and limitless resources were the promise of inevitable greatness and prosperity, and whose intense loyalty to this conviction made him everywhere the eloquent advocate and champion of his native State.

*Resolved*, That in his death one has gone from our midst whose generous qualities of heart and mind endeared him alike to rich and poor; whose helpful and kindly impulses were a constant benefaction, and whose cheerful presence, inspiring hope and confidence, will always remain a pleasant memory.

*Resolved*, That the sympathy and condolence of the Senate be extended to his sorrowing family, and that these resolutions be entered upon the records of this body, and a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Mr. ENGEL then said:

Mr. President: On the morning of January 9, 1897, the Hon. Daniel F. Davis, Ex-Governor of the State, finished this earthly existence. To his immediate friends who for some months had watched with great solicitude the breaking up of his fine physical forces and who had come to be apprehensive that his life was held by an uncertain tenure, the shock was very great, but to the community in which he lived and to the State at large it came as lightning from a clear sky. His familiar figure was not missed from the streets, before the announcement fell that he was dead, and universal sorrow swept over the city and hushed all its activities.

It may well be doubted whether any person of his generation has gone out from that community more universally mourned than Governor Davis. His friends were confined to no walk of life. Everywhere, where human hearts were susceptible to kindly considerations and substantial sympathy, were those who

came to love and esteem him, and the poor and humble were as sincere mourners on that sad day as those to whom the closer relations of daily life had revealed the rare sweetness of his noble spirit.

It is under the sense of such a sorrow I speak to-day of my neighbor, friend and long time business associate, whom I had come to know as I know few men, and for whom I had the strongest personal attachment.

Daniel F. Davis was born at Freedom in the county of Waldo, on the 12th day of September, 1843, and was at the time of his death in the fifty-fourth year of his age. His father, the Rev. Moses F. Davis, was an esteemed minister of the Christian church. He was of English descent, his progenitor in America emigrating to New Hampshire in the 17th century. His mother, Mary (French) Davis, was related to the Brewsters and Frenchs of the old colony of Massachusetts Bay.

Governor Davis's boyhood was passed upon the farm which his father was obliged to carry on to eke out the scanty receipts from his ministerial labors. His parish was large, including several communities, and required his absence much from home, which threw much responsibility upon the subject of these remarks, who from the early age of thirteen years took upon himself the care of the farm and became the stay of the growing family. He attended school in the intervals of labor and assiduously devoted himself to his books at home under the instruction and guiding care of his father and mother. In 1863 he entered East Corinth Academy, but soon thereafter enlisted as a private soldier in the army, where he served till the end of the war keeping up his studies in camp and on the march as opportunity afforded. On returning to civil life he again took up his studies at the academy and there and afterwards at Kent's Hill seminary, completed his academic studies. He then entered the law office of Hon. Lewis Barker, then a resident of Stetson, and there pursued the study of law and was admitted to practice at the bar of the State, and in August, 1869, located at East Corinth where he commenced the practice of law, and where he continued to reside until after he retired from the office of governor of the State. He rose with remarkable rapidity in his profession. He was the embodiment of honor

and integrity. He had a most attractive and winning presence. He was cordial and hearty in his greetings. His sympathies were broad and generous. No man was too humble for his notice. He remembered the hardships of his early life and his quick sympathy kindled always for those who were struggling in life's battle. His bearing was cheerful and manly. He had an exalted sense of the dignity of manhood. No base or grovelling thoughts had place in his mind. The religious atmosphere of the home in which he was reared had mellowed and softened all natural impulses. He revered his father and mother and was devotedly attached to his brothers and only sister who had been so much his care from early boyhood. He early came to be master of his own spirit. No ebullition of temper would ever betray the strong feeling to which he was often moved, and under the stress of great excitement he maintained a perfect self-control.

It was such a man as this who entered the list of attorneys of Penobscot county on that day in August, 1869.

His bearing in court was marked by self-possession. Easy in manner and courteous to all, he became a favorite among his associates in the profession, and he had the confidence and esteem of the court. He was aggressive in the trial of causes but with no asperity of manner toward counsel or witnesses. His addresses to the jury and court were fluent, forcible and oftentimes eloquent, and he had marked success in winning verdicts.

His popularity at once marked him as the tribune of the people and he became their advocate on all public occasions. He was early called into the field of politics as a campaign speaker. His rare candor and sincerity, and his rapid, vigorous and eloquent speech made him a powerful advocate of the principles he espoused, and everywhere he met with cordial and enthusiastic reception. His fellow citizens demanded his service as their representative in the State legislature, and in 1874 (as soon as he would consent) he entered the House of Representatives where, without any show of ostentation, his conspicuous ability at once advanced him to prominence in the deliberations of that body.

His service there was followed by election to the Senate, and in this chamber his eminent abilities became so marked that the Republican party of the State a year later looking for a standard bearer who should be "without fear and without reproach," almost without warning and certainly without preliminary effort or possible expectation on his part, nominated him for the high office of governor of the State. The laborious campaign which followed; the exciting, dramatic and almost tragic scenes which succeeded the election and attended the organization of the legislature, the ultimate triumph of the Republican cause and the inauguration of Governor Davis, are too familiar to all who hear me to make further allusion to them necessary.

His administration of the government was firm, dignified and honorable, and raised him to rank with Maine's distinguished governors. He was re-nominated for a second term, but the party went down before the combination arrayed against it and he failed of re-election, falling short of his competitor only about 130 votes.

In January, 1881, upon his retirement from office he commenced the practice of law in Bangor and formed a partnership with Charles A. Bailey, Esq., which practically continued until his death. He was appointed collector of the port of Bangor by President Arthur and held that responsible position four years, after which he devoted himself exclusively to his private business. He became interested in the wild lands of the State, and entered into the purchase and operation of timber lands and for the last ten years or more was largely engaged in this business. It was in this connection my personal association with him became close and intimate, we being mutually interested in the various operations to which he gave a large share of his time.

It is therefore with a deep sense of personal loss that I speak of him to-day. He was my friend. No shadow of disagreement or unpleasantness ever grew out of our associations. His whole-souled, unselfish nature made such a condition impossible.

Governor Davis delighted in the companionship of his friends and was constant in his attachment to them. No sacri-

fice was too great for him to make for those he loved. His heart was as tender as a woman's. He loved little children and would stop to speak a kindly word to all who came into his presence. He sympathized with the suffering everywhere, and the poor and needy who appealed to him he could not send empty away. His early years upon the farm had begotten in him a love for rural life. He had no patience with those chronic grumblers who claim to represent the farmers of Maine. He did not forget his primitive days of hard work and rustic happiness and in his later years longed for a renewal of that unconventional life, and it was to gratify this longing in part, I have no doubt, that he bought and stocked a farm to which he often resorted and upon whose broad acres he found respite from care when his over-worked system warned him to lay aside his increasing burden.

He loved his native State. To him it was the garden of promise. In the language of devotion he could truly say,

For her my tears shall fall,

For her my prayers ascend.

The grandeur of her storm-beaten coast, serrated with sheltering bays and harbors, her billowy uplands and fertile meadows, her lofty hills and sombre valleys, her vast forests of timber and wood, alive with every specie of game, her manifold quarries of granite, lime and slate, her wonderful water-ways and exhaustless water powers, her thriving villages and happy homes,—in all this diversity of advantage no section of our land seemed to him so truly blest.

But, Mr. President, his life has gone out and the shadow of the night of death is upon all his earthly hopes, his successes and his triumphs. He came to life's end in the fullest confidence of God's wisdom and love. We who follow on know little when we may be called to lay down our burdens and responsibilities; but whether it be sooner or later, whether our lot as ordered by an all-wise Providence shall be life or death, may we as confidently

"In His decisions rest

Assured whate'er He gives, He gives the  
best."

Governor Davis, my beloved friend, is dead. Peace to his ashes.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate: The able and eloquent words which have just been uttered by the senator from Penobscot, concerning the life and character of Governor Davis, leave but very little to be said by other members of this body upon this floor. I have made no special preparation to speak in eulogy of Governor Davis, to-day, but I am very glad of the opportunity of joining my voice with the voices of other senators in speaking a tribute to his praise. I think it is well that we, to-day, arrest the tide of official business and for an hour commemorate his virtues.

I first met Governor Davis in the troublous times of 1879 and 1880, when his election to the gubernatorial chair in this State was disputed. At that time, I became strongly impressed with the sturdiness and the manliness of his character. As I watched him day by day in those exciting days, when the wisest men sometimes lost their self control, I found him ever patient, quiet, waiting. I watched him through his career as Governor. Having been declared elected, he served well the State, always dignified, affable and patient.

I have watched his career since. I have seen him expand year by year, growing stronger as the years went by, and I think that when death called him home, he held a larger and deeper place in the hearts of the citizens of Maine than he had ever done before. Maine has been exceptionally favored in the choice of the men who have been her governors, and she has never chosen any who have not added luster to her glory.

I may call to our minds the names of some who have gone from among us, whose names and forms are familiar to this generation, and if I name some, while leaving others unnamed, I do not mean to say that they are not equally worthy of mention.

I recall a Kent, a Morrill and another Morrill, and a Hamlin, all of whom have been statesmen, and all of whom have served this State and added to its glory. In the list of Maine's governors Daniel F. Davis stands, and stands a peer to them all, and Mr. President, without continuing my remarks, I can say that I am glad to add my tribute and to join with the mem-



bers of the Senate in laying a chaplet upon his grave. In war he was a patriot; in peace he has been a statesman.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate: I arise to add a few words to what has been so eloquently said by the senators who have preceded me. It is fitting that a short time should be given by this Senate to the memory of a former member of this body and one who has been chosen by the citizens of our good State to the highest position in its gift. Daniel F. Davis was born and reared upon a farm, was educated in our common schools and academies, and knew and appreciated these golden opportunities.

In early manhood, at the time of our nation's need he went forth to fight the enemies of our flag upon Southern battle-fields. After his return from the war he completed the study of law and was admitted to the bar. For several years he practiced in one of our small towns, where by hard work and indomitable pluck he rose high in his profession and in the estimation of his fellow citizens. He filled many positions of trust in his native town, and was honored by the county of Penobscot by being elected to a seat in the State Senate. It was as a member of this body that I first saw him. From the seat in yonder gallery I looked down, and heard him addressing the Senate upon a subject of considerable interest. I was impressed with his clear and concise method of expression and his aptitude at repartee. Bright, keen and thoroughly interested in his subject, he closely held the attention of his colleagues and the spectators.

In 1879 he was selected by the Republican party as its standard bearer for governor, and did valiant service for his party upon the stump. The contest succeeding the election is well known to you all and is a matter of history. Suffice it to say that in all those trying times Governor Davis conducted himself in a way that was commended by all parties. He filled the high position of governor with dignity and signal ability. Always courteous and ready to give a respectful hearing to all who called upon him, he made many firm friends in all sections of the State, who to-day mourn his decease. Called to the head of the government at a critical time, he met every emergency

with firmness, and at all times tried to serve his State, and did serve it honestly and faithfully.

Upon his retirement from public life, he moved to the city of Bangor, engaged in the active practice of law, and with marked degree of success. Subsequently he branched out into business interests that later in life absorbed most of his attention.

Governor Davis had hardly reached the meridian of life, when he should have been the strongest, and in the possession of all his physical and mental powers, the reaper came. The successes of his life we do well to commemorate. From humble beginnings, by his own unaided energy and perseverance, he forged his way to the front. As a student, as a soldier, as a lawyer, as a business man, and as an office holder, including the high office of governor, he performed his work well. His labors now are past. His career is ended. The last few words in token of his memory will soon be said, and then alone will remain the record of life. May the success he attained serve as an incentive to spur on young men to make the most of their opportunities. May the remembrance of his many good qualities long be cherished.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate: While I may be unable to add to the eloquent tributes which have been paid to the memory of our distinguished dead, Ex-Governor Davis, my relations with the deceased were such that I cannot refrain from expressing the deep regrets of my constituents and my own sincere sorrow at the death of Mr. Davis. Although he was not a native of Piscataquis, his people moved into Orneville, in that county, soon after he was born, where his early boyhood days were spent. Later in life he was so much with our people and among them that he seemed almost as one of our own citizens. He was met frequently as a practitioner at our bar, and I may say that some of his earliest and perhaps proudest professional laurels were won before the Piscataquis juries.

Some of the older citizens, to-day, enjoy relating how honest Frank Davis, at the very commencement of a successful professional career, came over into our county and against great

odds wrested justice from what seemed certain disaster. When he became engaged in politics Piscataquis ever seemed a favorite camping ground, and no one pleased the people more than he. Although not speaking perhaps at all times with the force and the energy of one who might possess a stronger physique, his words were nevertheless full of power and persuasion, and when before the people in whom he believed and from whom he sprang, a responsive chord of sympathy seemed to inspire his thoughts and clothe his theme with language truly noble and sometimes grandly eloquent.

Mr. Davis was ever approachable, genial and sympathetic. Born in the lower walks of life, he never seemed to forget the people, or to tire of assisting others. That especially, I noted in his makeup, and it engaged my admiration. I remember that my first work in campaigning was done with Mr. Davis. Together we rode over the county, into the different towns and hamlets, and I remember well a mere youth then, his words of good cheer and encouragement, which I knew came from the goodness of a kind heart and a sincere desire to assist others. Even in recent years, suffering from disease, broken in health, weighed by the cares and the responsibilities of a busy life, he always found time for a hearty handshake and a cordial greeting to old friends, however humble in station.

His career from boyhood to middle age seems typical of our best American manhood, and an illustration of the beneficence of our free institutions. We are often reminded, Mr. President, as one prominent citizen after another passes away who has occupied high office in the State or nation, of the possibilities which lie before the American boy, the poor lad of the great republic.

Mr. Davis, breathing the spirit of our free institutions, although a poor lad, was ambitious of success. We see him in East Corinth Academy, fitting himself for usefulness in life, when the war breaks out. He leaves his books for the weary march, the deadly conflict. He drops the pen to grasp the sword. He no longer dreams of battles fought or victories won, but he participates in them; he no longer studies history in the walls of East Corinth Academy, but on the fields of battle,

beneath the old flag, he assists in making the grandest history ever written in blood.

When those terrible years of strife and carnage are over, spared to his country, he returns to his home and again renews the upward battle of life. Choosing a profession, we soon see him an able legal advocate, then a wise legislator, serving his State ably, first in the House and then in this Senate. Then in the stormy days of 1880, he is elevated to the highest position within the gift of the people of Maine. Here he serves the people loyally and well. Although the next year he went down by a small margin before the Fusion candidate, Mr. Plaisted, he does not forget his interest in the people, his interest in their welfare, and he is heard on the platform again and again, advocating those great principles which he believes for the highest good of his fellow countrymen.

Mr. Davis was a man of broad views and of versatile mind, and a lover of nature. I remember well when on one occasion as opposing counsel our business took us into a section adjacent to the great wilderness of Maine. At his suggestion we strolled out into the forest, where he seemed to gather new strength and new inspiration from his surroundings. He dwelt on the grandeur of our State, upon her magnificent scenery, her natural resources, the immense wealth of her forests, quoting appropriate lines from that great American poet and true lover of nature, William Cullen Bryant.

So we see the boy and learn to know the man, and now with sincere sorrow regret his departure from the walks of life. "He sleeps the sleep that knows no waking," and drawing an illustration from nature, which he loved so well, we may say, with the poet:

Leaves have their time to fall,  
And flowers to wither in the north wind's breath,  
The stars to set, but all—  
Thou hast all seasons for thine, O Death!

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook:

Mr. President, I must not, I cannot refrain from speaking to these resolutions, these resolutions that may carry some measure of consolation to the broken-hearted widow of a good

man. It was not given to me to know Governor Davis in his public career, but after he had retired from public life and had settled in Bangor and there entered upon that successful and brilliant career of his as a lawyer, I was honored with his acquaintance and made happy by his friendship, the recollection of which will be sweet to me as long as I live upon this earth.

It is of Governor Davis as a lawyer and as a man that I can speak. For many years Bangor has been a sort of home to me. The city is dear to me and I like its people. I have embraced many opportunities to be there, and there was one place in Bangor where I never failed to call, and that was at the office of Mr. Davis, and there I know I met a man of a gentle soul, a true and honest heart. It was there I saw him receive his clients, men of all ranks and walks, and with not less courtesy and consideration did he meet the humble laborer than the wealthy manufacturer.

For all he had a smile, for all he had patient kindness. The tottering old lady who came to his office, thinking that her rights had been invaded, unable to pay a fee, was received by him and heard as carefully and as considerately as the wealthiest among his clients, whose business perhaps might be important to the extent of a fortune. The poor man of toil who imagined that his rights had been invaded was never turned away without advice, or without cheering, encouraging words.

Even the poor, neglected little child who came to his office with a basket of apples to sell would be taken upon his knee, and by his tenderness he would assure the little child, gain her confidence, inquire of her family, her surroundings and send her away with a glow of happiness in her heart that would last forever.

Such was Governor Davis in his office. In the court room he was more than the ordinarily successful lawyer—he was indeed at times a brilliant advocate. With a profound knowledge of law, with a mind of keenness that enabled him to take a straight track across a mass of immaterial evidence and sophistry and find the issue directly, with a knowledge of the practical affairs of life and of good sense, he was valuable to his clients and able to aid in the administration of justice.

Yet here he was never discourteous to his adversary, he was never lacking in respect to the court, and he was entirely and far above the arts of chicanery. He never badgered a witness, never set traps for the unwary, but always demeaned himself in court as a lawyer should who is mindful of the nobility and dignity of his profession.

He has gone. His life is ended when the State would have been better, his city would have been better, could he have lived. He is gone, covered with honor, and the highest tribute we can pay in this body is due to him who was a sincere and practical patriot, a statesmanlike governor, a good citizen and an honest man.

I second, Mr. President, the motion made by the senator from Penobscot, and I move, Mr. President, that out of respect to the memory of this eminent statesman of Maine departed, that this Senate do now adjourn.

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THURSDAY, February 11, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thayer of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the advisability of enacting a law compelling a person moving into town, with the intention of making his residence there, to so notify the clerk of said town of the fact, and also of having the town clerk keep a record of all such declarations, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the advisability of so amending our election laws, as to allow a person, moving from one place to another in our State, to hold a voting residence in the place from which he moved until he shall acquire the right to vote in the town to which he moves, and report by bill or otherwise;

Which were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Old Town Gas Light and Power Company;"

Bill "An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trusts in public burial places, providing for the record of deeds of burial lots;"

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the amount of baggage to be carried by railroad corporations for each person purchasing a first-class unlimited ticket;"

Petition of Frank H. Dexter and 46 others of Sanford, for an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, prohibiting the State from raising money by taxation for any sectarian or religious institutions;

Petition of Adeline D. P. Moses and 29 others of Gorham; of H. H. Hathaway and 43 others of East Otisfield; of Mrs. B. P. Snow, and 21 others of Yarmouth; of Mrs. Nellie S. Jordan and 32 others of Webb's Mills; of Hattie J. Loring and 34 others of Otisfield; of Albert H. Jordan and 65 others of Windham; of Mrs. Ethelinda H. Tucker and 30 others of Steep Falls, in favor of raising the age of protection of girls;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to authorize the correction of errors in proceedings for collection of taxes;"

Bill "An Act amendatory of chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the disinterment of dead bodies;"

Bill "An Act to authorize the reassessment of taxes in case of irregularity or error in the original assessment;"

Remonstrance of Frank H. Segars and 33 others of Dresden; of Fred P. Carleton and 34 others of Dresden and Perkins, against any change in the laws relating to weir fishing, and especially against any change in the Revised Statutes, chapter 3, sections 60, 61, 62, and 63 inclusive;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

“Resolve, memorial to Congress, relating to the ‘Sperry Bill;’”

Memorial of Bath Board of Trade relating to the establishment of a dry dock at Bath;

“Resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at Kittery navy yard;”

Petition of H. E. Stetson, president of the Bath Board of Trade and 533 others praying that the representatives of Maine in Congress, be requested to obtain the construction of a dry dock at Bath;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Bill “An Act to legalize the doings of school district number 5 in the town of Falmouth, and of the trustees of the Crispus Graves Fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building, erected out of said fund, in said district;”

Petition of J. S. Condon and 20 others of Orland in regard to the Wiggin School Tax Bill, so called;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of L. W. Nash and 96 others of Kennebunk; of W. A. Emery and 83 others of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport; of B. C. Jordan and 43 others of Alfred; of F. A. Goodall and 169 others of Sanford;

Severally in favor of extending the charter of the Mousam River Railroad, and also the amendment of the same;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill “An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the bank examiner,”

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.



Bill "An Act to amend sections 11 and 14, in chapter 58 (of the Revised Statutes,) relating to agricultural societies,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of a road in Jerusalem Plantation;"

"Resolve in favor of a road in Dallas Plantation;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Cutler for repairs on highways and bridges," with accompanying statement of facts;

Petition of William Metcalf and 14 others of Newcastle; of M. H. Page and 120 others of Damariscotta; of G. L. Witham and 32 others of Southport; of Benjamin F. Blagdon and 52 others;

Severally for aid in repair and preservation of Wiscasset bridge;

Which were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the taking of eels and white fish;"

Bill "An Act to repeal the bounty on bears;"

Bill "An Act to repeal the close time on mink;"

Petition of E. N. Shaw and 60 others of Pittsfield; of A. D. Millett and 25 others of Burnham;

Severally for the privilege of catching and taking eels in weirs on the Sebacook river from July 15th to November 1st of each year;

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Mooers and 42 others of Gardiner for a change in the law relative to taking smelts in Kennebec river;

Remonstrance of R. D. Bibber and 51 others of Bath; of Reed & Hathorn and 43 others of Woolwich; of J. H. Kennerston and 50 others of Bath; of John B. Worth and 150 others of Bath;

Remonstrance of C. F. Wade and 30 others of Perkins; of G. F. Lilly and 47 others of Woolwich;

Severally against any change in the law relative to the taking of smelts in the Kennebec river and its tributaries;

Remonstrance of E. H. Bridges and 191 others of Brooklin against a close time on clams for the town of Brooklin;

Remonstrance of E. E. Chase and 33 others of Bluehill against any change in the law as to the taking of smelts in Bluehill bay;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. H. Dunlap and 59 others of Belgrade against setting off a part of Rome and annexing the same to Belgrade,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Josiah T. McLellan of Gorham,”

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

“Resolve relating to a loan of state reports to the town of Monson,”

Which was referred to the Committee on Library in concurrence.

Petition of C. F. Tinker and 13 others of Auburn and Webster; of H. M. Nickerson, M. D., and 28 others of Portland; of J. H. Farrington and 26 others of Portland; of C. H. Roberts and 21 others of Portland; of Fred S. Saunders and 18 others of Portland; of N. E. Preston and 15 others of Bangor; of A. L. Weeks and 46 others of Bangor; of H. E. Ward and 27 others of Bangor, severally for a shorter work day for women and minors;

Which were referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Petition of Albert H. Jones and 34 others of Denmark for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes within the State of Maine;

Remonstrance of W. G. Paul and 13 others of Berwick; of Morrill Glidden and 11 others of Somerville; of L. E. Bowley

and 16 others of Rangeley; of Frank B. Libby and 8 others of Portland; of F. D. Small and others of Bryant's Pond; of J. C. Ralph and 17 others of South West Harbor; of W. T. Varrell and 16 others of York; of A. P. Porter and others of Dixmont; of J. G. Densmore and 3 others of Richmond; of Mrs. G. P. Hamilton and 6 others of Winthrop; of C. C. Tibbetts of Kennebunk; of P. R. Strout and 7 others of Durham; of Owen E. Blackden of Dexter; of Horace B. Evans of Biddeford Pool and 16 others; of Thurston and Atwood and 8 others of Bangor; of Winfield S. Hasty and 6 others of Ferry Beach and Saco; of M. B. Scribner and 21 others of Sullivan against the proposed cigarette law;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petitions of George A. Safford and others and E. R. Anderson and others, relative to taking of smelts in Kennebec river, that the same be referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

The report was read and accepted and the petitions referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs on "Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve recommitted to the committee in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "An Act to make certain the continuing validity of the provisions of sections 19, 20 and 21 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the bill recommitted to the committee in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on "Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve recommitted to the committee in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petition of E. R. Michaud and others of Frenchville, for aid to build a bridge in said town, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House recommitted to the committee;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petition of Joseph Martin of Van Buren and others for aid to build a bridge in said town, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House recommitted to the committee;

The reports were read and the petitions recommitted to the committee in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 73 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the fees of referees," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Staples Academy," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Augusta City Hospital," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 268 of Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the taking of fish in Little Tunk pond in plantation number 7 in Hancock county," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act for the protection of fish in Duck pond, Cumberland county," that the same is within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game;

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on petition of H. D. Harvey and 17 others for a close time on Harvey's Pond, in Levant, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, as this should come under the general law, and referred to the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game;

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Isaac Moore and 80 others of Somerville, relating to the refunding of

commutation money, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Claims on bill of A. J. Camaron for binding and stitching for the government of 1878, that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Pensions on petition of John Cassidy and others in favor of an increase of pension for Robert Johnson, that no action is necessary, it comes under the general law;

Report of the Committee on Pensions on petition of Matthias A. Cullnan for increase of pension, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of E. A. Barker and 708 others in favor of pensioning the Aroostook soldiers and their widows, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Salaries on petition of J. W. Hodgkins and 200 others of Dexter, asking that the fee for travel of the county commissioners of Penobscot county may be reduced, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend rule 4 of section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to descent of real estate," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of the Maine W. C. T. U. submitting "Resolve in favor of appropriation for the Maine Women's Christian Temperance Union."

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of the city of Rockland for payment of a portion of school fund retained by State on account of imperfect school returns in 1896, submitting "Resolve providing for the payment to the city of

Rockland of the amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school fund for the year 1896, on account of an imperfect school return," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, House amendment adopted, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the resolve.

Report of the Committee on Education on "Resolve in favor of the Training and Normal School at Fort Kent," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Harlan P. Sargent, president of Bangor Boom Company, for an extension of charter, submitting bill "An Act extending the charter of the Bangor Boom Company."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries, above the mouth of Beaver brook," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect dams and make improvements upon the Big Machias river, in the county of Aroostook," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penob-

scot river," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of members of the Penobscot tribe of Indians to grant the agent authority to retain ten per cent of the shore rent for expenses of keeping in order the public streets, submitting "Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians,"

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance,'" which the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, came up from the House, that branch non-concurring in the action of the Senate, and referring the bill to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act relating to appeals in case of damages for land taken for ways;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act additional to chapter 67, section 35 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the adoption of children;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act relating to the effect of prior conveyances of subsequently acquired titles;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes," (relating to limitation of real actions);

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to confirm the organization of the New York Machine Company, and to enable it to aid in the construction of railroad tracks;"

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Public Works;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of P. A. Strickland and 12 others, for the right to improve the navigation of the east branch of the Penobscot river, for the driving of logs,

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of Hon. J. W. Clark and 36 others of Nobleboro and Whitefield for aid to Wiscasset bridge,

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented remonstrance of Charles Aylward and 72 others of Phippsburg; of C. T. Willis and 40 others of Arrowsic;

Severally against any change in the law relative to the taking of smelts in the Kennebec river and its tributaries;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the resolutions upon the death of Hon. Daniel F. Davis and the memorial exercises thereon held in the Senate Chamber, February 10, 1897, be prepared in pamphlet form and one thousand copies be printed for distribution.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Taxation be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the statutes that the exemption from taxation of property held by religious societies, may apply to the fund of such society devoted to church purposes, where such fund does not exceed the amount of property now exempt as a parsonage, and where no parsonage is owned by said church.

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.



On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns it adjourn to meet  
Friday, February 12, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State Library." Senate Document No. 57;

"An Act to amend chapter 274 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to fix the salary of the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland.'" Senate Document No. 58;

"An Act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county." Senate Document No. 59;

Which bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Central Railroad Company," reported legislation inexpedient;

Mr. WYMAN from the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on report of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, reported that the same ought to be accepted;

Mr. PIKE from the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Monson," reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council;

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company" submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company," submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

Mr. MERRILL from the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes," submitted the same in new draft under the title of "An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of laws of 1889, in relation to sale of pressed hay;"

Mr. WYMAN from the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on report of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, submitted "Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries;"

Mr. MORRILL from the Committee on Pensions, on "Resolve in favor of State pension agent expending money for examination of claims, under direction of Governor and Council," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under joint rule.

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Godfrey Falls Dam and Improvement Company," (Senate Document No. 29,) reported that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox;"

"An Act to amend section 8, chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, providing for investments of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State;"

"An Act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook;"

"An Act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river;"

"An Act to amend section 59, paragraph 6, of said section of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

"An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of fires, and the publication of statistics relating to the same,"

Which was laid on the table, pending second reading, on motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox.

"An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Hospital,' "

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook.

"An Act to amend section 4, chapter 256 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading, on motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill "An Act to amend section 194 of chapter 6 of Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of real estate for taxes," (Senate Document No. 56) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by the same senator bill "An Act additional to chapter 51, Revised Statutes, for the transportation of bicycles," was taken from the table, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House in referring the bill to the Committee on Legal Affairs and referred the same to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 12, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon, next, at 4.30 o'clock,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act in relation to limitations of real actions and rights of entry;"

Bill "An Act to establish a homeopathic department in the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Lamoine Beach Water Company;"

Petition of J. W. Whidden, M. D., of Portland and W. V. Hanscom, M. D., of Rockland and 35 other homeopathic physicians; of M. S. Briry, M. D., of Bath and George P. Jefferds, M. D., of Bangor and 40 other homeopathic physicians; of J. M. Prilay, M. D., President and C. M. Johnson, M. D., secretary of the Maine Homeopathic Medical Society;

Severally that homeopathic treatment be allowed in the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Union and Warren Electric Light and Power Company;"

Remonstrance of Joseph Ridlon and 68 others of Gorham against abolishing school district No. 1 in Gorham;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

“Resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine, to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at Portland,”

Which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Bill “An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company,”

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill “An Act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker, for cause,”

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill “An Act to amend an act entitled ‘An Act to extirpate contagious diseases among cattle;’ ”

Petition of W. P. Stewart and others of Waterville and vicinity, relating to the inspection of milk;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of the Baskahegan Dam Company for increase of tolls;

Petition of John Ross and others for statute regulating the sale of prize logs on Penobscot river;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill “An Act to amend section 41 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river above the water works dam at Bangor;”

Petition of L. A. Ireland and 70 others of Corinna to forbid the hunting of partridges with dogs, with bill accompanying;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill “An Act to amend section 43 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the weekly close time for taking salmon in the rivers of the State;”

Remonstrance of L. P. Hackett and 87 others of Winterport against change of law in regard to taking salmon on Penobscot river;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. N. Read and 1,050 others of Deering against the annexation of Deering or any part thereof to the city of Portland,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library for the years 1897-98,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Library in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 33 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes on stock of banks and other corporations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to fix the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Franklin;"

Bill "An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate in the county of Piscataquis;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petition of Theo. P. Austin and others of Hancock county in the interest of good roads, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

Which report was read and accepted and the petition referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill "An Act relating to the repairs on highways and bridges in towns," that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petition of John Tinkham and others, relating to a highway in the towns of Starks and Anson, that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Which report was read and accepted and the petition referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home," that the same ought to pass, came from the House, report accepted, and the resolve recommitted to the committee,

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick," came from the House, reported accepted, and the resolve indefinitely postponed,

The report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and recommitted the resolve to the committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta," that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School," that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, the resolve was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson," that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and Monday, next, assigned for the second reading.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the Report of Commissioners on Contagious Diseases of Animals,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to establish a board of fire commissioners for the city of Auburn;"

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented bill "An Act to amend section 35 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to notifying towns in pauper cases;"

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to legalize the incorporation of Wales Grange, Number Forty, Patrons of Husbandry;"

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of Wallace R. Lumbert, John E. Bunker, Jr., and Elmer E. Richards, county attorneys of the counties of Aroostook, Hancock and Franklin respectively, in favor of bill allowing stenographers before grand juries;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of W. E. Leland and 20 others of Sangerville, for equalization of school tax,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented bill "An Act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of Stephen Cabot and others of Andover;

Of William Gregg and others of Andover;

Severally in relation to throwing waste and sawdust into the Ellis river in Andover;



Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented "Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson;"

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented "Resolve in favor of Oliver Moulton of Randolph, Maine;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented "Resolve in favor of Maine State Prison,"

Which was laid on the table on motion by same senator.

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to regulate the election of directors or managers of corporations," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 119 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the manner of assessment of common school fund," reported that the same be printed and recommended to the committee;

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act in relation to voluntary trusts," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend 'An Act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company,'" reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as

trustees under mortgages," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. HEALD from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. BILLINGS from the Committee on State Prison, on bill "An Act authorizing the governor and council to execute a contract for water for the Maine State Prison," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted, and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

Printed bills:

"Resolve in favor of State Pension Agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council." Senate Document No. 61,

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

"Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries." Senate Document No. 62;

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent." Senate Document No. 63;

"An Act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam Improvement Company." Senate Document No. 65;

Which were each read once and Monday, next, assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to incorporate the Vinal Haven Water Company." Senate Document No. 64,

Which was read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and on motion by the same senator the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company;"

"An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State Library;"

"An Act to amend chapter 274 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to fix the salary of the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland;'"

"An Act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to amend rule 4 of section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to descent of real estate;"

"An Act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect dams and make improvements upon the Big Machias river in the county of Aroostook;"

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river;"

"An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook;"

"An Act extending the charter of the Bangor Boom Company;"

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river;"

"Resolve in favor of the Training and Normal School at Fort Kent;"

"Resolve in favor of appropriation for the Maine W. C. T. U.;"

"Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A" in concurrence.

"Resolve providing for the payment to the city of Rockland of the amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school fund for the year 1896, on account of an imperfect school return,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A" in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolve:

"An Act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln county, relating to land in Kennebec county, in the Kennebec Registry;"

"An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;"

"Resolve in favor of Horace Nicola, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians,"

Which bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve was finally passed, in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to establish the Sanford municipal court," (Senate Document No. 60) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Monson," that the same be referred to the Governor and Council, came up from the House accepted in concurrence, and was, by the secretary of the Senate, filed at the Executive Department.

On motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 15, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cummings of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Rockland;"

Bill "An Act to establish the West Washington municipal court;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 159 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1895 entitled 'An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott and Curtis E. Moon the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock;'"

Bill "An Act to amend sections 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving venires;"

Bill "An Act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893," (relating to the relief of poor debtors);

Bill "An Act to permit the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and to enlarge its purpose to include aid for needy girls;"

Bill "An Act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Company, incorporated under chapter 524 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1885;"

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor;"

Petition of William M. Cook and 8 others of Casco for incorporation of Green Grove Cemetery Association of Casco;

Petition of J. B. Pinkham and others of Harpswell Neck for a village corporation;

Petition of Moses Hawkins and others of Sullivan to be incorporated for the purpose of supplying the town of Sullivan with pure water;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of William S. Leavitt and 27 others of Island Falls and vicinity; of W. A. Vinal, Jr., and 50 others of Ashland; of Benjamin R. Walker and 48 others of Island Falls;

Severally for equalization of school tax;

Petition of J. M. Hill and 19 others in favor of Westbrook Seminary;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of T. E. Skolfield and others of Harpswell for a charter for an electric, steam or power railroad,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of trustees of Biddeford Savings Bank; of I. J. Carr and others, trustees of Gardiner Savings Institution of Gardiner;

Severally for reduction of tax on savings banks;

Which were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of Ernest E. Rowe and 15 others of Hancock county; of John F. Gregg and 22 others of Hancock county;

Severally for a bounty on wild cats;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Machias Lake Dam and Improvement Company;"

Petition of E. G. Howard and 31 others of Ashland asking that Elbridge G. Dunn, Jr., be given the exclusive right to navigate Portage lake in Aroostook county by steam and electricity;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 41 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to fisheries;"

Petition of Samuel L. Lord, mayor of Saco, and 179 others; of Mayor Carlos Heard of Biddeford and 188 others;

Severally for right to fish below the Lower Falls in the Saco river;

Petition of James Morton and 175 others, citizens of Knox county, to prohibit hunting-dogs from running at large in close time;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Hon. P. O. Vickery and 13 others of Augusta in favor of better protection of smelts in the Kennebec river;

Remonstrance of Harvey Heath and 46 others of Verona; of George W. Abbott and 60 others of Bucksport and Verona; of Alvah Parker and 62 others of Bucksport;

Severally against any change in the present law regulating the taking of salmon in Penobscot bay and river;

Remonstrance of George C. Hardy and 202 others of Deer Isle against any change in the law regulating the taking of clams;

Remonstrance of T. S. Singer and 218 others, residents along Georges river and tributaries, against any change in the law relating to taking smelts from that river;

Remonstrance of J. H. Wade and 58 others of Perkins; of Orrin McFadden and 10 others of Dresden; of Fred B. Reed and 10 others of Dresden; severally against any change in the law regarding weir fishing on Kennebec and Eastern rivers;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Seth Joyce and 108 others of Swan's Island plantation; of Michael Stinson and others of Swan's Island

plantation against the passage of an act incorporating Swan's Island plantation into a town;

Which were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the city of Calais;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Caribou;"

Petition of J. B. Ripley and others of Pittston to refund commutation money paid during the late war;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Fred A. Rich and 9 others for military pension for Alden Clifford of Lee,

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of L. L. Libby and 29 others of Waterville; of William Hand and 27 others of Waterville; of A. W. Merrill and 14 others of Waterville; of Rev. N. Charland and 32 others of Waterville, severally for a shorter work day for women and minors;

Which were referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act giving notaries public jurisdiction throughout the State," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "An Act to make certain the continuing validity of the provisions of sections 19, 20 and 21 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance," that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Company for an additional two years," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.



Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act additional to and amendatory to the act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Company,'" submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Company.'"

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to incorporate Newfield Academy," submitting the same in new draft under the same title."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company, and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act additional to and amendatory of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company,'" that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Castine Railway and Navigation Company, and to amend its charter and certain additions thereto," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill "An Act enabling the town of Yarmouth to build and maintain a bridge across tide waters between the islands of Cousin's and Littlejohn's in said town of Yarmouth," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on bill "An Act to divide the town of Deer Isle and incorporate the town of Stonington," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1897-1898," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the resolve to the Joint Select Committee on Maine State Year Book.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 205 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895," (relating to taxes);

The same senator presented bill "An Act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers;"

The same senator presented bill "An Act relating to holding the terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county;"

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented petition of George P. Wescott and 100 others of Portland;

Of H. J. Patterson, M. D., and 78 others of Portland;

Severally for an amendment of the proposed new city charter of Portland, permitting the election of women on the school board;

The same senator presented petition of W. H. Winslow and 37 others of Portland;

Of J. B. Mitchell and 27 others of Portland;

Of Andrew J. Cummings and 5 others of Portland;

Of Charles F. Libby and 17 others of Portland;

Of Israel T. Dana, M. D., and 3 others of Portland;

Severally for a law empowering the city of Portland to retire members of the fire department on half pay;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes," (relating to compensation of surviving partners);

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act relating to the organization of certain officers of parishes and religious societies as corporations;"

Mr. PIKE of York, presented petition of Allen Garner and 63 others of Parsonsfield, for the establishment of a voting precinct in the northerly part of the town of Parsonsfield, with a polling place at Kezar Falls;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of George W. Q. Perham and 100 others of Woodstock;

Of W. S. Davis and 17 others of Woodstock;

Severally for equalization of school tax;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented bill "An Act relating to the extension of time of charter of Bluehill Trust and Banking Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of P. A. Strickland and 12 others of Bangor and Old Town and Ira B. Gardner and 6 others of Patten for a charter to improve the navigation of the east branch of the Penobscot river for driving logs,

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented bill "An Act to regulate the taking of clams in the towns of Phippsburg and Georgetown,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of Catherine Glassian and Sudick Johnson, members of Penobscot tribe of Indians, to grant the full ownership of certain real estate in the reservation of said tribe,

Which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to persons in destitute circumstances who served in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the rebellion and were honorably discharged therefrom,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the exemption of property of widows from taxation,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing the

manner and time of the service of writs and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company." Senate Document No. 66;

"An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of the Laws of 1889, in relation to sale of pressed hay." Senate Document No. 67;

Which were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for water for the Maine State Prison." Senate Document No. 68,

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, laid on the table.

"An Act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages." Senate Document No. 69;

"An Act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company." Senate Document No. 70;

"An Act to amend 'An Act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.'" Senate Document No. 71;

"An Act in relation to voluntary trusts." Senate Document No. 72;

Which bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce." Senate Document No. 73,

Which was read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to change the name of the St. Lawrence street Congregational parish of Portland," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent;"

"An Act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company;"

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

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills:

"An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 124, Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county;"

"An Act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec;"

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, "Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School," was taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. HURD of York,  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 16, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quimby of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to make Pride's bridge, so called, across the Presumpscot river in the county of Cumberland a county bridge;"

Bill "An Act additional to, and to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Company;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company;"

Bill "An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213, Special Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Company;'"

Bill "An Act to authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light, and power;"

Bill "An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company;'"

Petition of Geo. D. Babbitt, treasurer of the Maine Pulp and Paper Company, for the right to generate, sell, distribute and supply electrical power in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn;

Petition of Wm. P. Frye, N. Dingley, Jr., O. B. Cheney, Cyrus Greely, J. F. Boothby, R. C. Pingree and 560 others; of Frank B. Clark and 1,152 others; of Rev. C. W. Parsons, M. A. Blanchard, Rev. F. C. Rogers, Mrs. Geo. B. Bagley, Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey of Winthrop, Rev. I. Luce, Mrs. A. O. Clark and 50 others; of W. Scott Hill and 1,310 others, praying for suitable homeopathic medical treatment at the new insane hospital being erected at Bangor;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Oxford Light Company;"

Bill "An Act to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of G. E. Kimball and 65 other manufacturers and business men of Pittsfield, asking for some legislation to equalize and regulate freight rates, came from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and referred the petition to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of a fire-proof brick vault at the State Capitol,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of C. H. Perkins and 28 others of Brooksville; of Wm. H. Wheeler and 32 others of Orrington; of G. K. Hastings and 60 others of Sidney; of M. B. Hunt and 37 others of Belmont; of Miles Pease and 33 others of Belmont; of Jacob Smith and 70 others of Lyman, severally for equalization of school tax;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railway;"

Bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company;"

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway;"

Petition of W. S. Simpson and 14 other business men of Fairfield, asking for the regulation and equalization of freight rates;



Petition of A. B. Penney and 70 others of Canaan village in aid of petition of V. R. Tuttle for the extension of the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railroad Company;

Remonstrance of Sidney J. Grant and 46 others of Bangor, against the granting by the legislature of rights to street railroads to make use of the streets of city of Bangor without the permission of the city government;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 26 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act for the better protection of sheep;'"

Petition of E. W. DeBeck and 19 others of Hancock county for a bounty on wild cats;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the Portage Lake Lumber Company and 58 others, against granting to Elbridge G. Dunn exclusive right to navigate Portage Lake,

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James M. Treat and 84 others of Stockton, relating to taking salmon with drift net in Penobscot river above tide waters,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the taking of clams in the town of Georgetown;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 46 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of smelts;"

Petition of A. L. Condon and 140 others of Brooksville, that a law be enacted to prohibit the taking of any migratory fish with net or seine in the waters of Penobscot bay within one-half mile of any point of the main land of said town of Brooksville;

Remonstrance of John L. Berry and others of Georgetown; of C. H. Siegars and 43 others of Dresden;

Severally against any change in the law relative to taking smelts in the Kennebec river and its tributaries;

Remonstrance of J. F. Hichborn and 88 others of Stockton; of L. H. Duncan and 144 others of Lincolnville, Northport and Islesboro:

Severally against the closing of weirs, 48 hours of each week, on Penobscot river;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to repeal acts incorporating the town of Maxfield,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of William Scott;"

Petition of Josiah I. Brown of Searsport, late chaplain of the 15th Regiment, Maine Volunteers, for reimbursement for recruiting;

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Mace and 27 others of Waterville in favor of a shorter work day for women and minors,

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Petition of Addie C. Ames of Jefferson and 81 others asking for a more stringent law in regard to the manufacture and sale of cigarettes,

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing the rebuilding of the Merrymeeting bay bridge and making it and the Arrowsic bridge, both in Sagadahoc county, free county bridges,"

Which was referred to the Sagadahoc County Delegation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Prison, on petition of Joseph M. Long and others, that a reformatory prison for women be established, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to lower the waters of Noyes pond in the town of Bluehill," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes pond in the town of Bluehill, during certain months in the year."

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to establish a bounty on wild cats," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of H. B. Rowe and 68 others that chapter 109 of Private and Special Laws of 1853, relating to the taking of pickerel from Long Mousam, Square Mousam, Goose, Upper Goose, Hanson and Loon ponds, in the towns of Shapleigh and Acton, may be repealed, submitting bill "An Act to repeal chapter 109 of the Private and Special Laws of 1853, relating to the taking of pickerel in certain ponds."

Report of the Committee on Towns, on bill "An Act to incorporate the town of Oakfield," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of town of Linneus," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the resolve was laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

# STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.  
AUGUSTA, February 16, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

“An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 124, Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy;”

“An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county;”

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill “An Act to provide for filling vacancies of trustees,”

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill “An Act to amend section 27, chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens,”

The same senator presented bill “An Act to enable the town of Dexter to establish a system of water-works and sewerage;”

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill “An Act relating to street railroads;”

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of A. R. Moody and 19 others of Cornville in aid of petitions for extension of charter of Waldo and Somerset Railway Company;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act regulating the shearing of sheep;"

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of William B. Remick and 15 others of Hancock county;

Of Jere. H. Jordan and 23 others of Hancock county;

Severally for a bounty on wild cats;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of Sewall Pettingill, B. F. Bradford and 60 others of Wayne and vicinity in favor of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes,

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of Thomas J. Wescott and 10 others of North Bluehill;

Of Stillman S. Candage and 23 others of Bluehill Falls;

Severally in favor of poor widows' tax bill;

Which were referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 30 and chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to inland fisheries and game,"

Which was laid on the table to be printed pending reference, on motion by the same senator.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of Laws of 1889, in relation to sale of pressed hay;"

"An Act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages;"

"An Act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company;"

"An Act in relation to voluntary trusts;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

"An Act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Company for an additional two years,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital;"

"An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Company;'"

"An Act to divide the town of Deer Isle and incorporate the town of Stonington;"

"An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;"

"An Act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills and resolve:

"An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company,"

Mr. SAVAGE of Adroscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

"An Act to amend 'An Act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company;'"

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School,"

Which was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. PIKE of York, laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend section 59, paragraph 6 of said section of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances;"

"An Act in addition to chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations;"

"An Act to amend chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner;"

"An Act in relation to suits by organized unincorporated societies and associations;"

"An Act to amend rule 4 of section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to descent of real estate;"

"An Act to amend section 8, chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, providing for investments of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State;"

"An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay, and bridges over tide water, in the town of Harpswell;"

"An Act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river;"

"An Act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox;"

"An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads;"

"An Act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester and to authorize the sale of its meeting-house and lot;"

"An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house in Lake Maranocook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop;"

"An Act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook;"

"An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta;"

"An Act extending the charter of the Bangor Boom Company;"

"An Act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company;"

"An Act to amend chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinalhaven Telegraph and Telephone Company;"

"An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries, above the mouth of Beaver brook;"

"An Act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect dams and make improvements upon the Big Machias river in the county of Aroostook;"

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river;"

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river;"

"An Act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river;"

"Resolve in favor of Committee on Eastern Insane Hospital;"

"Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of appropriation for the Maine Women's Christian Temperance Union;"



“Resolve providing for the payment to the city of Rockland the amount deducted from said city’s proportion of the school fund for the year 1896, on account of an imperfect school return;”

“Resolve in favor of the Training and Normal School at Fort Kent;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the several resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox, bill “An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of fires, and the publication of statistics relating to the same,” was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, “Resolve in favor of State pension agent expending money for examination of claims, under direction of Governor and Council,” was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, bill “An Act to amend section 4, chapter 256 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers,” was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Frost of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Remonstrance of John Ayer, treasurer of the Dunn Edge Tool Company, and others, against the extension of the charter of the Oakland Water Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to abolish imprisonment for debt;"

Bill "An Act relating to sale of corporeal personal property;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company;"

Bill "An Act to regulate the liability of subscribers to newspapers, periodicals and magazines;"

Remonstrance of George G. Rich and 309 others of Winterport, against bill authorizing the town of Winterport to purchase franchises and property of Winterport Water Company;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Parker and 17 others with reference to Eastern Maine General Hospital,

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Mark Bond and 37 others of Corinna; of R. E. Page and 26 others of Jackson; of W. S. Littlefield and 17 others of Winterport; of F. H. Albee and 25 others of Alna; of G. B. Gilbert and 26 others of Brewer; of H. J. Crowley and 51 others of Jonesport; of Charles A. Chase and 37 others of Bradford;

Severally for equalization of school tax;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act additional to the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway;"

Remonstrance of C. J. H. Ropes and others of Bangor; of Geo. Varney and 170 others of Bangor, against street railways using the streets of Bangor without the consent of the city government;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend an act, entitled 'An Act to extirpate contagious diseases among cattle,'"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to prevent the trapping of foxes,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Howard Winslow and 47 others of Deering, in favor of annexing territory of Deering to Portland,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to determine the privileges of graduates of the State College,"

Which was referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,'" with statement of facts, came from the House referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and on motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, was laid on the table to be printed pending reference in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," with statement of facts, came from the House referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and on motion by Mr.

CLASON of Kennebec, was laid on the table to be printed pending reference in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill "An Act to provide for the improvement of highways," that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

Which report was read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee,

The report was read and accepted and the bill recommitted to the committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Majority report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to further prevent forest fires and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish and game killed and taken in the State, and for the further protection of inland fish and game and for the registration of guides," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House recommitted to the committee,

The report was read and accepted and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Pepperell Manufacturing Company," that the same ought to pass:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Laconia Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation and Express Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company to issue bonds and to make a mortgage securing the same, and

to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to guarantee the payment of said bonds," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the expediency of repealing the second and third sentences of section 7 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the return of fines to the municipal officers by the judges of municipal courts, submitting bill "An Act to amend section 7 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 308 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts;"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church;"

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to repeal so much of chapter 461 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled 'An Act granting additional powers to the inhabitants of school district number five in the town of Kennebunk, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, as relates to the maintenance of schools and schoolhouses,'" submitting the same in new draft under the same title;

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Farmington State Normal School," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Electric Railroad Company to make a loan," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company to make a loan;"

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on "Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish

and game laws, and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheets "A" and "C,"

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, House amendment "A" adopted, and pending consideration of amendment "C," on motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, the resolve was laid on the table.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to provide for the retirement of members of the fire department of the city of Portland, upon half pay,"

Which was laid on the table to be printed pending reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented bill "An Act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the fortnightly payment of wages;'"

Mr. PIKE of York, presented bill "An Act to legalize and confirm the doings of Riverside Cemetery Association;"

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 493 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled 'An Act authorizing the governor to appoint special officers to enforce police regulations among the Indian tribes of the State;'"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of Frank E. Mace and 9 others of Hancock county for a bounty on wild-cats,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented "Resolve in favor of Eben M. Garland,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented "Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented remonstrance of Stephen Merrill of Solon and 54 others;

Of W. P. Rowell and 6 others;

Of William Murphy and 12 others;

Severally against appropriation for Maine State College;

Which were referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented remonstrance of W. W. Russell and 52 others;

Of W. P. Rowell and 6 others;

Of Grant Witham and 12 others of Somerset county;

Severally against raising salary of register of probate of Somerset county;

Which were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented "Resolve in favor of the legislative committees and members of Senate and House authorized to visit the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts,"

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules, on motion by the same senator and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bill:

"An Act to change the name of the St. Lawrence Street Congregational Parish of Portland." Senate Document No. 75,

Which was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SALLEY from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in aid of the Wiscasset bridge," reported that "it seems to the committee that there may be a legal question involved as to the State voting aid to a private corporation engaged in a business enterprise, which question this committee desire to have determined by the Committee on Judiciary,"

The report was read and accepted and the resolve and accompanying petitions were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on petition of members of Penobscot tribe of Indians to be allowed the right to kill moose, deer, caribou and other game at any season of the year, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw,

Which report was read and accepted.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of Daniel L. Warren of Thomaston, Maine," reported that the resolve be referred to the Committee on Salaries,

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEEKS from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1897," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on "Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1898," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. SALLEY from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petitions of G. R. Campbell and 14 others; A. C. Leighton and 49 others; V. L. Coffin and 64 others and J. W. Sawyer and 84 others, for aid in repairing the bridge across the Narraguagus river at Milbridge, reported resolve entitled "Resolve in aid of repairing the bridge across the Narraguagus river in the town of Milbridge;"

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Lincoln," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolve:



"Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 109 of the Private and Special Laws of 1853, relating to the taking of pickerel in certain ponds;"

"An Act to establish a bounty on wildcats;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

"An Act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes pond in the town of Bluehill, during certain months in the year,"

Which was laid on the table, pending second reading, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

"An Act to incorporate the town of Oakfield,"

Which was laid on the table, pending second reading, on motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of House Document No. 35, entitled "An Act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river,"

Which was read and passed and the secretary conveyed the message, subsequently reporting that the bill had been returned to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL the votes whereby the bill passed to be enacted and to be engrossed were reconsidered, and the same senator offered amendment "A" which was adopted,

The bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, "Resolve in favor of Maine State Prison," was taken from the table and the same senator presented the following report to accompany the resolve:

The Committee on State Prison to which was referred the report of the inspectors of prison and jails, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the following:

“Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison,”

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, “Resolve in favor of the town of Linneus,” was taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill “An Act enabling the town of Yarmouth to build and maintain a bridge across tide waters between the islands of Cousin’s and Littlejohn’s in said town of Yarmouth,” was taken from the table, and the same senator offered amendment “A,” which was adopted. The bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, February 18, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Peckham of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the general law for the organization of street railroads so as to obviate the necessity, so far as may be, of granting or extending special charters for street railroads, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill “An Act to amend section 60 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors;”

Petition of S. F. Humphrey and 172 others of Bangor; of H. H. Shaw and 285 others; of Francis Fessenden and 43 others;

Severally for amendment to the Constitution of the State against the appropriation of money for any ecclesiastical or denominational purposes;

Remonstrance of F. I. Campbell and 22 others against a municipal court in the western part of Washington county;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 396 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 204 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Deer Isle Telephone Company;"

Petition of H. B. Robinson and 18 others of Benton in favor of extending the chartered rights of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company;

Petition of Charles E. Hill and 60 others of Bangor; of J. H. Sullivan and 75 others of Searsport; of E. C. Newcomb and 25 others of Newburgh; of Charles E. Phillips and 72 others of Hermon; of S. J. Ridlon and 112 others of Stetson; of Frank A. Bishop and others of Hermon; of L. H. Waugh and 78 others of Levant;

Severally for charter to Bangor, Hampden and Winterport Railway,

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of C. E. Marr and 41 others of Farmington for reduction of tax on savings banks,

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the shooting of ducks on the Kennebec river and Merrymeeting bay;"

Petition of C. W. Morrill and 140 others of Parkman and vicinity, to repeal chapter 197, Laws of 1895, relating to taking trout from Marble pond;

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Albert G. Cook and 42 others of Friendship for a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes,

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to provide for the taxation of estates of deceased persons;"

Petition of William G. Pert and 10 others of East Bluehill; of Jonathan Dow and 7 others of South Bluehill;

Severally in favor of the poor widows' tax bill;

Which were referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of the town of Friendship for re-imbursement for money expended for support and burial of Henry Simmons, a State pauper, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Which report was read and accepted, and the petition referred to the Governor and Council in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of the town of Patten," that the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve referred to the Governor and Council in concurrence.

The foregoing reports, with accompanying petition and resolve were, by the Secretary of the Senate, filed at the executive department.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve relating to the building of a bridge across the St. John river in Fort Kent," that the same be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of Lewis M. Haines and 60 others for an act to protect fish in Little river and its tributaries in the towns of Bowdoin, Lisbon and Webster, that the same be referred to the commissioners of inland fisheries and game.

Which report was read and accepted and the petition referred to the commissioners of inland fisheries and game in concurrence.

The report and petition were, by the Secretary of the Senate, filed with the commissioners of inland fisheries and game.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to change the northern register of deed's office in Aroostook county," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of John Lovejoy and 40 others for an appropriation for the House of the Good Shepherd, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of calling public attention to the advantages of Maine as a place of summer resort and to its agricultural and other advantages," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Taxation on "Resolve in favor of the town of Maxfield for a mistake in over valuation," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Castine State Normal School," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve recommitted to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions on "Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve recommitted to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing the city of Eastport to issue bonds," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and on motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the rules were suspended, the bill was

read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve relating to a settling lot in Drew plantation," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of selectmen of Forest City for aid in building one-half the bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City, submitting "Resolve in favor of the town of Forest City to aid in building one-half the bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City."

Report of the Committee on Claims on "Resolve for payment of back salary of a guard at the State prison," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Petition of William B. Remick and 15 others of Hancock county and Jere H. Jordan and 33 others of Hancock county for a bounty on wildcats, which the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture, came up from the House, that branch non-concurring in the action of the Senate and ordering the petitions placed on file with other papers relating to the same subject, the committee having reported.

The vote whereby the petitions were referred to the Committee on Agriculture was reconsidered and they were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor," came from the House, passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, the rules were suspended, the resolve was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

## STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE:  
AUGUSTA, February 16, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

“An Act to amend chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner;”

“An Act in relation to suits by organized unincorporated societies and associations;”

“An Act in addition to chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations;”

“An Act to amend rule 4 of section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to descent of real estate;”

“An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads;”

“An Act to amend section 8, chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, providing for investments of capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State;”

“An Act to amend section 59, paragraph 6 of said section, of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances;”

“An Act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox;”

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented bill “An Act to amend sections 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, in reference to ways,”

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 76 of chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1895," (relating to fish and fisheries,)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. PIKE of York, presented "Resolve in favor of the chairman of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game,"

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules on motion by the same senator and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented "Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education,"

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules on motion by the same senator and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland.

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns it shall be until to-morrow at 8.30 A. M.,

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Lincoln." Senate Document No. 77;

"An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook." Senate Document No. 79;

"Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1897." Senate Document No. 80;

"Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1898." Senate Document No. 81;

"Resolve in favor of Maine State Prison." Senate Document No. 82;



Which bills and resolves were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act granting a new charter to the city of Portland," reported that the same be printed with proposed amendment to the bill, pending recommitment;

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on First Annual Report of the Board of Registration of Medicine, reported that no further legislation on the subject of the registration of medicine is necessary;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the descent of personal property," reported that the same ought not to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend section 17 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the organization of manufacturing corporations," reported that the same ought not to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on petition of George Cunningham and others for a law to compel towns to vote by a two-thirds vote for the appropriation of moneys for other than the usual purposes, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Guilford and Sangerville Water Company," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend section 63 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish weirs," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to repeal section 3 of chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895," (entitled, An Act to provide for the incorporation and control of telegraph companies and telephone companies,) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to extend the

charter of the Farmington, Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Mr. MERRILL from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of F. F. Caswell and 12 others, relating to the dumping of sawdust and other refuse matter in Gilman Pond stream and its tributaries, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw,

Which report was read and accepted.

Subsequently on motion by Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, the vote whereby this report was accepted was reconsidered, and the petition was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. STEARNS from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the consideration of the Governor's message, submitted the following report:

The Joint Select Committee to which was referred the Governor's message, have had the same under consideration and report as follows, that is to say:

That so much of the message as refers to the subject of finances be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

That so much as relates to schools be referred to the Committee on Education.

That so much as relates to the insane be referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Eastern Maine Hospital.

That all that part of the message relating to insurance on page fifteen of the printed document, except the last paragraph of said subject, be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; that said last paragraph be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

That so much of said message referring to the State Prison and Reform School as is found on page fifteen of the printed document, be referred both to the Committee on State Prison and the Committee on Reform School; that so much of said subject as is found on page sixteen be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

That so much of said message as appears under the head of Industrial school, etc., be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

That so much of said message as appears under the head of Maine State College be referred to the Committee on Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

That so much of said message as refers to the National Guard be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

That so much of said message as appears in said printed document, relating to agriculture, lumber and manufactures, on pages nineteen and twenty, down to the fifth paragraph on the twentieth page, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture; the said fifth paragraph on the twentieth page and the matter therein contained, be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses; that the three following paragraphs be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges; that the matter relating to railroads, etc., embraced in the first four paragraphs on page twenty-one be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses; that the matter contained in the last two paragraphs of the subject, agriculture, lumber and manufactures, be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

That all under the head of labor in said message, except the last four paragraphs, be referred to the Committee on Labor; that said last four paragraphs of said subject and the matter discussed therein, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

That all of said message relating to the subject of prohibition be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

That so much of said message as relates to the subject of shipping be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

That so much of said message as relates to fish and game be referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

That so much therein as refers to sea shore fisheries be referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

That so much of said message as treats of the election laws be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

That the whole of the subject in said message contained referring to banks and banking be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

That so much of said message as is embraced under the head of corporations be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

That so much of said message as refers to the State Auditor be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

Louis C. Stearns,  
William Engel,  
Edward C. Reynolds,  
B. B. Murray,  
H. B. Saunders,  
Fred'k. D. Winslow,  
E. S. Goodrich,  
H. W. Golder,  
Isaac Rounds,  
H. M. Starbird.

The report was read and accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary on order to inquire into the subject matter of the petition of George M. Coombs and determine whether said Coombs is legally or equitably entitled to any compensation for services, disbursements and expenses performed, made and incurred by him in behalf of the State, submitted "Resolve in favor of George M. Coombs."

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to establish a board of fire commissioners for the city of Auburn," submitted the same in new draft under the same title.

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to enable the town of Dexter to establish a system of

water works and sewerage," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HEALD from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HURD from the Committee on Banks and Banking on bill "An Act relating to the extension of time of charter of Bluehill Trust and Banking Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SHARP from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on report of Governor and Executive Council relative to repairing the State bridge across Mattawamkeag river, submitted "Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates."

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to change the name of the St. Lawrence Street Congregational parish of Portland,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of town of Linneus,"

"An Act to repeal so much of chapter 461 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled 'An Act granting additional powers to the inhabitants of School District No. 5, in the town of Kennebunk,' and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof as relates to the maintenance of schools and school houses;"

"An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Pepperell Manufacturing Company;"

"An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Laconia Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company to make a loan;"

"An Act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation and Express Company;"

“An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church;”

“An Act to authorize the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company to issue bonds and to make a mortgage securing the same, and to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to guarantee the payment of said bonds;”

“An Act to amend section 7 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 308 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts;”

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following resolve:

“Resolve in favor of Farmington State Normal School,”

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolve:

“An Act to divide the town of Deer Isle, and incorporate the town of Stonington;”

“An Act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt;”

“An Act to extend the charter of the Castine Railway and Navigation Company, and to amend its charter and certain additions thereto;”

“An Act to amend chapter 274 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled ‘An Act to fix the salary of the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland;’ ”

“Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital,”

Which bills were passed to be enacted and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill “An Act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for

water for the Maine State prison," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act additional to and amendatory of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company,'" was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, by request of Mr. SHARP of Aroostook, bill "An Act to incorporate the town of Oakfield," was taken from the table and Mr. STEARNS offered amendment "A," which was adopted and the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot,  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, February 19, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ringold of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act granting Ernest A. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock;"

Petition of Charles W. Hume and 79 others of Eastport for a municipal court at Eastport;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the Sangerville Woolen Company of Sangerville and others against the enactment of a law regulating steam engineering, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and ordered the

remonstrance placed on file with other papers relating to the subject, the committee having reported.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes," (relating to ways;)

Bill "An Act to amend section 67 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, relative to scire facias on trustee process;"

Petition of George H. Douglass and 5 others of Gorham; of W. P. Kemp and 9 others of Gorham; of C. A. Whipple and 21 others of Gorham; of George P. Plaisted and 60 others of Gorham; for the abolishment of School District No. 1 in Gorham;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolves providing for the collection of the necessary data for a history of the Maine troops in the War of the Rebellion, and for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the Adjutant General's office;"

Petition of H. L. Pratt and 24 others of Lewiston in aid of Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland;

Which were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to encourage the cultivation and propagation of fish in private and inland waters;"

Bill "An Act to provide funds for the protection of the inland game of the State;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Rev. M. F. Bridgham and 57 others of Vassalboro; of A. S. Littlefield and 103 others of Rockland; of W. I. Clement and 42 others of Stillwater, in favor of a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes,

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. F. E. C. Robbins and 40 others of Deering that the age of consent be raised from 14 to 18 years,



Which was ordered placed on file with other papers relating to the same subject in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Sanford J. Baker and 93 others for the use of the punitive chair in the punishment of criminals, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to pauper settlements," (An Act to relieve towns of the unjust burden of supporting non-resident paupers), that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on bill "An Act instructing assessors to enumerate poultry," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on bill "An Act to incorporate the Eastport Agricultural Society," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on a communication relating to road improvement, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Towns on petition of Arthur H. Beverly and 18 others in favor of setting off part of the town of Whiting and annexing it to the town of East Machias, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petition of G. W. Rollins and 107 others that aid be granted in building bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, that the petition be referred to the next Legislature, came from the House re-committed to the committee.

The report was read and recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on bill "An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports and to account for receipts and expenditures to the trustees of the State normal schools, on penalty of forfeiting such aid," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act

requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports and to account for receipts and expenditures to the trustees of the State normal schools, said reports to be published as a part of the annual report of the State superintendent of public schools, on penalty of forfeiting such aid," came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the bill was recommitted to the committee in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on bill "An Act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to provide for the better protection of public records," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "A" was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to service of process on foreign corporations, acting as trustees under mortgages," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "A" adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of Charles E. Stanley and 100 others of Tremont;

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of Mrs. Effie J. Sawyer and 33 others of Milbridge;

Severally for a law to prohibit the manufacture, sale and gift of cigarettes;

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 23, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WYMAN from the Committee on Shore Fisheries on petition of Leonard T. McLain and others of Bristol for a law to prevent hauling lobster traps in John's bay before sunrise or after sunset, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient,

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEEKS from the Committee on Indian Affairs on petition of members of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the appropriation of money for the benefit of their tribe for the years 1897 and 1898, submitted "Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Mr. FERGUSON from the Committee on Insane Hospital on report of the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital, submitted "Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital."

Which reports were read and accepted and the resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

Printed bills:

"Resolve in aid of repairing the bridge across the Narragagus river in the town of Milbridge." Senate Document No. 83;

"An Act to extend the charter of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company." Senate Document No. 86;

"Resolve in favor of George M. Coombs." Senate Document No. 87;

"An Act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds." Senate Document No. 88;

"An Act relating to the extension of time of charter of Bluehill Trust and Banking Company." Senate Document No. 89;

Which bills and resolves were each read once and Tuesday next assigned for their second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Lincoln;"

"An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook;"

"Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1897;"

"Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1898;"

"Resolve in favor of Maine State prison;"

Which bills and resolves were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Forest City to aid in building one-half the bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City;"

"Resolve for payment of back salary of a guard at the State prison;"

"Resolve relating to a settling lot in Drew plantation;"

Which resolves were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent;"

"An Act to establish a bounty on wildcats;"

"An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State Library;"

"An Act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 109 of the Private and Special Laws of 1853, relating to the taking of pickerel in certain ponds;"

"An Act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company;"

"An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Company;'"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Company for an additional two years;"

"An Act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson;"

"Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering;"

Which several bills were passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same committee reported the following bill:

"An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 256 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers,"

Which was laid on the table on motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, bill "An Act to provide for the retirement of members of the fire department of the city of Portland upon half pay," (Senate Document No. 78,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, "Resolve in favor of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," (Senate Document No. 84,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,'" (Senate Document No. 85,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, "Resolve in favor of Farmington State Normal School," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, "Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws, and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game," was taken from the table, Wednesday next assigned for its consideration, and retabled.

At 9 o'clock, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate took a recess until 10.45 o'clock.

(10.45 o'clock.)

The order relating to adjournment to Tuesday next, came up from the House passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the pay of the stenographer and typewriter of the Senate be \$150 for the session, and the compensation of the Senate officers be the same as last session of the Legislature.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the vote was reconsidered whereby bill "An Act to provide funds for the protection of the inland game of the State," was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence, and the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The same senator from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on order to inquire into the necessity of giving the commissioners of inland fisheries and game authority to take or authorize the taking of inland game and birds for park purposes for the State, submitted bill "An Act to permit inland game to be taken for park purposes in this State."

The report was read and accepted and on motion by Mr. PARSONS the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec,  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, February 23, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Struthers of Gardiner.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts be instructed to inquire into the advisability of establishing rates of tuition for students attending the college, and report by bill or otherwise,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relative to flags upon public buildings and school houses;"

Bill "An Act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll and railway bridges across the St. John river;"

Petition of Charles W. Hume and 84 others of Eastport for an act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to authorize the county commissioners of Cumberland county to negotiate a loan for the payment of land damages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest avenue in the city of Deering in said county," came from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, was laid on the table to be printed pending reference in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 108 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the qualifications necessary for admittance to normal schools,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of George M. Barrows and 43 others, manufacturers and business men of Newport; of O. E. Blackden and 30 others, manufacturers and business men of Dexter;

Severally for some legislation to equalize and regulate freight rates,

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of John G. Fleming and 33 others for amendment of charter of Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Remonstrance of F. W. Witham and others of Surry against repealing special laws for the protection of smelts in Surry and Bluehill bays,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. Almeda Havener and 39 others of Brewer; of V. C. Plummer and 32 others of Addison; of Fred H. Naylor and 28 others of Westbrook; of Rev. W. C. Stetson and 49 others of North Vassalboro; of Thomas H. B. Pierce and 115 other men and Mary H. Baynum, M. D., and 115 other women, citizens of Dexter; of Rev. A. E. Luce and 62 others of Patten; of Rev. C. S. Patten and 71 others of Auburn; of C. S. Philbrick and 75 others of Corinth; of Herbert F. Moulton and 50 others of Biddeford; of Oscar Holway and 45 others of Augusta;

Severally for passage of act prohibiting the manufacture, sale or gift of cigarettes;

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on report of the State Superintendent of Schools containing certain suggestions con-



cerning necessary changes in the present school laws, submitting bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes as now amended, relating to the public schools," came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend the first two lines of section 1 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes," (relating to paupers,) that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act additional to section 21 of chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the removal of executors and administrators," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to regulate steam engineering and to provide for the examination and licensing of engineers," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend section 33, chapter 24, Revised Statutes, relating to paupers," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend chapter 195 of the Private and Special Laws of the year of our Lord 1887, establishing the charter of the city of Waterville," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to the advisability of so amending our election laws as to allow a person moving from one place to another in our State, to hold a voting residence in the place from which he moved until he shall acquire the right to vote in the town to which he moves, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to the advisability of enacting a law compelling a person moving into a town with the intention of making his residence there, to notify the clerk of said town of that fact, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Dexter Water Company," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on petition of Eugene W. Abbott of Shapleigh and 54 others for a bounty on foxes, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act relating to the creation of private fish ponds," that legislation is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries on petition of John H. Mayers and 11 others of Dresden relating to taking shad and alewives from the Eastern river in Dresden, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Pensions on bill "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to persons in destitute circumstances who served in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the Rebellion and were honorably discharged therefrom," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Pensions on petition of Fred A. Rich and 9 others for a military pension for Alden Clifford of Lee, that no action is necessary because it comes under general laws.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries on petition of Charles E. Patten and others of Bath; A. M. Spear and others of Gardiner; and others; that no smelts be taken in the Kennebec river or its tributaries, except with hook and line, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which report was read and pending acceptance laid on the table on motion of Mr. CLASON of Kennebec.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on petition of Smith E. Munson and 57 others, and many others, that an act be passed for a labor lien on leather, submitting bill "An Act to create a lien on leather."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to incorporate the Portland Female Provident Association," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act relating to the incorporation of the Portland Female Provident Association."

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs on bill "An Act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized December 16, 1892, under the Revised Statutes, chapter 55, as 'The Bangor General Hospital,' and now named 'Eastern Maine General Hospital,' " that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on bill "An Act relating to the staff of the commander-in-chief," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on "Resolve relating to the publication of a map of the State of Maine," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on petition of E. N. Shaw and 60 others and A. D. Millett and 25 others, for the privilege of taking eels in weirs on the Sebasticook river, submitting bill "An Act to regulate the taking of eels and white fish."

Report of the Committee on Salaries on petition of George E. Johnson and others that the salary of the treasurer of Waldo county be increased from \$300 to \$400, submitting bill "An Act to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo."

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to create a lien on spool timber and bars," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the bill was laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the tenth annual report of the Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics, 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act additional relating to Hubbard Free Library of Hallowell,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented "Resolve in favor of the executors of the will of Cyrus Cole,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of Fred F. Foster and 14 others of Woodstock for equalization of school tax,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of Waldo Pettingill and others of Oxford county, in aid of the petition of S. Cabott to prevent throwing waste into the Ellis river,

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented remonstrance of H. E. Charles and 69 others of Rome, against setting off a part of said town and annexing the same to Belgrade,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented bill "An Act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities."

Which was referred to the Committee on Library.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec presented petition of Mrs. Asa Pratt and others of Clinton;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of Rev. B. S. Rideout and 143 others of Norway;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of A. A. Hicks and others of Belfast and Northport;

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of Rev. E. C. Hayes and 110 others of Bluehill;

Severally in favor of a law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes;

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act relating to State and county taxes on organized plantations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation.

On motion of Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the advisability of establishing by law a standard weight for a bushel of parsnips, and report by bill or otherwise,

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Senate Chamber be granted the Committee on Towns on Wednesday afternoon, February 24, 1897, for the purpose of a hearing.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act to establish a board of fire commissioners for the city of Auburn." Senate Document No. 90;

"An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors." Senate Document No. 91;

"Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates." Senate Document No. 92;

"An Act to enable the town of Dexter to establish a system of water works and sewerage." Senate Document No. 93;

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital." Senate Document No. 96;

"Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians." Senate Document No. 97;

Which bills and resolves were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company." Senate Document No. 95,

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Agriculture on bill "An Act to amend section 66 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to highways," and petition of W. H. Moody for same, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act relating to the Old Town municipal court," submitted the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"Resolve in aid of repairing the bridge across the Narraguet river in the town of Milbridge;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company;"

"An Act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds;"

"An Act relating to the extension of time of charter of Bluehill Trust and Banking Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

The same committee reported the following resolve:

"Resolve in favor of George M. Coombs;"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river;"

"An Act authorizing the city of Eastport to issue bonds;"

"An Act to amend 'An Act to amend the charter of the Wal-doboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company;'"

"An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Pepperell Manufacturing Company;"

"An Act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital;"

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus Knapp and John A. Rowell, executors of the last will and testament of Abbie B. Downing;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library for the years 1897 and 1898;"

"Resolve in favor of the St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum in Portland;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same committee reported the following bill:

"An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company to make a loan,"

Which was laid on the table on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, bill "An Act to amend section 4, chapter 256 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers," was taken from the table and passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes pond, in the town of Bluehill, during certain months in the year," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company," was

taken from the table and House amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

The same senator offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of Senate Document No. 57, bill entitled "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of Maine State Library,"

Which was read and passed, and the Secretary conveyed the message, subsequently reporting that the bill had been returned to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. CLASON the vote whereby the bill passed to be enacted was reconsidered, and the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, bill "An Act granting a new charter to the city of Portland," with proposed amendment to the same, (Senate Document No. 94,) was taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.



WEDNESDAY, February 24, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Portland and Yarmouth Electric Railway Company, and enable it to cross navigable tide waters;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of highways;"

Petition of James S. Williamson and others of Augusta, that suitable homeopathic medical treatment be provided at the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital;

Petition of Joshua Davis and 59 others of Portland; of S. R. Small and 102 others of Portland; for the passage of an act providing for the retirement of certain police officers in the city of Portland upon pension not exceeding half pay;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to change the names of the normal and training schools of the State,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. P. Norton and 49 others of York; of John C. Ropes and 7 others of Boston, owners of property at York; against granting a charter to the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway to construct a bridge across York river,

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of Albert Daggett and 36 others of Strong, relating to trees and shrubbery growing in the limits of highways,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to a close time on clams in the town of Scarborough;"

Petition of John H. Leavitt and 110 others of Scarborough asking for a close time on clams;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of J. R. Ames and 53 other citizens of Belgrade that a part of the town of Rome be set off from said town and annexed to Belgrade;

Petition of Cummings Brothers and others of Deering for annexation of certain territory of Deering to Portland;

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Resolutions adopted by the Piscataquis Pomona Grange, P. of H., in favor of the appropriation for the State college,

Which was referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

Petition of W. W. Huntoon and 83 men and 35 women of Norridgewock; of Caro E. Lermond and 59 others of Athens; of L. H. Corliss and 63 others of Bridgton; of John S. Tenney and 35 others of Webb's Mills; of Albert Strout and 32 others of Webb's Mills; of R. W. Fuller and 55 others of Bristol; of Daniel M. Jacobs and 44 others of Damariscotta and Newcastle; of M. L. Durgin and 171 others of Milo; of Woodbridge G. Osborne and 182 others of Portland; of H. L. McCann and 23 men and 30 women of Houlton; of G. W. Wellman and 27 others of Dresden; of A. N. Jones and 124 others of Turner; of M. W. Bessey, M. D., and others of Waterville; of Mrs. Ida Dorsett and 44 others of Standish; of George R. Winslow and 39 others of Strong; of W. Paul Curtis and 7 others of Harrison; of C. L. Winn and 14 others of Shirley; of William M. Marr and 18 other men and Lizzie Levansalor and 38 other women of Sebec village; of Wentworth Staples and 30 others of Lincoln; of H. C. Mayo and 24 others of Hampden Corner; of Frank Spratt and 49 others of Bar Harbor; of E. F. Pittman and 66 others of Mattawamkeag; of J. H. Brown and 16 others of Haynesville; of Kendall S. Jackins and 89 others of Hodg-

don; of S. G. Spurr and 60 others of Otisfield; of R. H. Cobb and 51 others of Bolster's Mills; of George A. Safford and 169 others of Hallowell; of C. T. Neal and 34 others of Ripley; of Lewis Wentworth and 185 others of Clinton; of W. Francis Kenrick and 204 others of Fairfield; of Charles W. Webber and 60 others of Durham and vicinity; of R. B. Thompson and 105 others of Union; of Russell Hart and 58 others of Atkinson; of J. N. Tillock and 145 others of Bucksport; of J. C. Campbell and 22 others of Atkinson; of Josiah Harris and 195 others of East Machias; of Rev. E. M. Fowler and 35 others of Searsmont; of A. A. Moody and 115 others of Warren; of J. C. Harmon and others of Green's Landing; of E. P. Woodward and 24 others of Portland; of Charles H. McClintock and others of Portland; of Rev. W. W. Hayden and 14 others of Madison; of Cora R. L. Hayden and 32 others of Madison; of Caroline F. Philbrick and 44 others, members of the Skowhegan Women's Club of Skowhegan; of Cyrus Estes and 115 others of St. Albans; of J. F. Boynton and 47 others of St. Albans; of Hon. James S. Wright and 97 others of South Paris; of T. J. Ramsdell and 109 others of South Paris; of Hon. George A. Wilson and 61 others of South Paris; of C. V. Hanson and 162 men and 115 women of Skowhegan;

Severally for the enactment of a law to prevent the manufacture and sale of cigarettes,

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to authorize the town of Richmond to purchase the property and franchises of the Richmond Water Company, and to incorporate the Richmond water commissioners," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to confirm the organization of the Hathorn Fancy Forging Company and change its name to that of the Hathorn Manufacturing Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Towns on bill "An Act to organize the plantation of Criehaven," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital on "Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," that the same ought to pass, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence and

On motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, the Senate by a rising vote, 22 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative, non-concurred in the action of the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve, and on further motion by the same senator the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors;"

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of Rev. George L. Whitman and 235 others of Pittsfield for passage of a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the commission appointed by the Governor and Council for the construction of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital plant, be directed to produce for the benefit of the Joint Special Committee on said Hospital, all the books containing the records of their doings and accounts of money expended.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of allowing George N. Coburn, administrator of the estate of Alice Robertson, late of Weld, deceased, to pay balance of said estate now in his hands, to the heirs of her late husband, John Robertson, and report by bill, resolve or otherwise.

Which were read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bill:

"An Act relating to the Old Town municipal court." Senate Document No. 99,

Which bill was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 30 of the Public Laws approved February 21, 1895, and to revive sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes," (relating to liens on buildings,) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act to confirm the organization of the New York Machine Company and to enable it to aid in the construction of railroad tracks," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act relating to appeals in case of damages for land taken for ways," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company and the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company."

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Education on bill "An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses on bill "An Act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. POOR from the Committee on Towns on bill "An Act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted, and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. POOR from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill "An Act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1880, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company,'" reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," as follows: "Amend by striking out the word 'public' in the title of the act and insert in lieu thereof, the words 'private and special,'" which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to establish a board of fire commissioners for the city of Auburn;"

"An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors;"

"Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates;"

"An Act to enable the town of Dexter to establish a system of water works and sewerage;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital;"

"Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed;

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to create a lien on leather;"

"An Act relating to the incorporation of the Portland Female Provident Association;"

"An Act to regulate the taking of eels and white fish;"

“Resolve relating to the publication of a map of the State of Maine;”

“An Act relating to the staff of the commander-in-chief;”

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

“An Act to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo,”

Which was read the second time and on motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, laid on the table.

“An Act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized December 16, 1892, under the Revised Statutes, chapter 55, as the ‘Bangor General Hospital,’ and now named ‘Eastern Maine General Hospital,’ ”

Which was read the second time and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment “A,” which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

“An Act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages;”

“An Act in relation to voluntary trusts;”

“An Act to permit inland game to be taken for park purposes in this State;”

“An Act to amend section 7 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 308 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts;”

“An Act to provide for the better protection of public records;”

“An Act to incorporate the town of Oakfield;”

“An Act enabling the town of Yarmouth to build and maintain a bridge across the tide waters between the islands of Cousin’s and Littlejohn’s in said town of Yarmouth;”

"An Act to authorize the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company to issue bonds and to make a mortgage securing the same, and to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to guarantee the payment of said bonds;"

"An Act additional to and amendatory of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company;'"

"An Act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation and Express Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company;"

"An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Laconia Company;"

"An Act to repeal so much of chapter 461 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled 'An Act granting additional powers to the inhabitants of School District No. 5, in the town of Kennebunk,' and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, as relates to the maintenance of schools and school houses;"

"An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church;"

"Resolve in favor of town of Linneus;"

"Resolve relating to a settling lot in Drew plantation;"

"Resolve for payment of back salary of a guard at the State prison;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Forest City, to aid in building one-half the bridge between Maine and New Brunswick, in Forest City;"

"Resolve in favor of Farmington State Normal School;"

"Resolve in favor of the chairman of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education;"

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor;"

"Resolve in favor of the Legislative committees and members of Senate and House authorized to visit the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts;"



Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the several resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, "Resolve in favor of George M. Coombs," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company to make a loan," was taken from the table and the vote whereby it was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered. The same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws, and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game," came up by assignment, House amendment "C" was adopted, the resolve was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendments "A" and "C," in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PIKE of York,  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 25, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Huffman of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend section 34 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1895," (relating to the duties of municipal officers;)

Petition of W. L. Blake and company and 159 others of Portland; of George Libby and 21 others of Portland, relating to the police officers of the city of Portland.

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes," (relating to oaths required to be taken by executors, administrators, trustees or guardians;)

Petition of John W. Hall and others for the passage of a law compelling the use of wide tires on team wagons;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve to appropriate \$1,000 out of the school fund for the Normal and Training School at Fort Kent;"

Petition of E. N. Osgood and 35 others of Surry; of L. F. Jones and 22 others of Andover, for equalization of school tax;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to repeal chapter 182 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891," (entitled "An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from Bunganeut pond in towns of Alfred and Lyman,")

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of George L. Hussey and others of Maxfield, asking for the passage of an act in favor of repealing the acts incorporating the town of Maxfield,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of A. D. T. Libby and 175 others, students of the State college; of 38 students of preparatory schools; of John Carroll and 69 others, students of preparatory schools, that the name of the State college be changed to University of Maine,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Mayo and 78 others of Brooklin; of H. J. Palmer and 84 others of Fort Fairfield; of Hiram Gatchell and 46 others of Brownfield; of George S. Chase and 59 others of Mechanic Falls; of George A. Goodwin and 30 others of Sanford; of A. L. Struthers and 46 others of Gardiner; of William F. Marshall and 36 others; of L. B. Wilder and 150 others of Machias; of M. F. Richards and 86 others of Bar Harbor; of P. O. Juhlin and 73 others of New Sweden; of Moses Crotto and 145 others of Solon; of J. W. Thomas and others of Brunswick; of Samuel W. Heal and 32 other men; of Mrs. Sylvester L. Arau and 25 other women of Camden; of D. N. Woodman and 38 others of Yarmouth; of Frank C. Thompson and 111 others of Sanford; of Patric F. Tanney and 56 others of Princeton; of Fred L. Fall and 65 others of China; of R. L. Baker and 56 others of Albion; of J. F. Lamb and 19 others of Livermore Falls; of United Societies of Young People, Free Baptist church, 4,000 members; of more than 4,000 women of Maine, members of the Woman's Christian Association; of Charles W. Wentworth and 30 others of Westbrook; of Fred W. Freeman and 31 others of Westbrook; of D. H. Dolly and 11 others of Gray; of Edgar M. Cousins and 99 others of Gray;

of the congregation of the Pine Street Free Baptist Church of Lewiston; of E. W. Ricker and others of Lewiston; of Martin Summerbell and 44 others of Lewiston; of Frank D. Smith and 121 others of Sanford; of F. G. Davis and 20 others of Sanford; of Rev. W. B. Hemenway and 63 others of Sanford; of Joseph O. Howe and 46 others of Sanford;

Severally for a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

Remonstrance of Wm. G. Chandler and 14 others of Skowhegan; of Thomas F. Sheridan and 3 others of Bar Harbor; of W. H. Lawrence of Sorrento; of J. M. Gerrish and 7 others of Winter Harbor;

Severally against the proposed cigarette law.

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act amendatory of chapter 65 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to State taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as wild lands,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the City of Deering Water Company," came from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and on motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, was laid on the table to be printed pending reference in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Charles W. Hume and 84 others for an act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway, that the petition be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

The report was read and accepted and the petition was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 80 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 164 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to injuries on ways," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act providing for the support of the chronic insane by the State, after five years residence at the Insane Hospital," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order to inquire into the expediency of legislation to provide for the support of all paupers by the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of A. D. McFaul and 8 others, citizens of Machias, for changes in the law relating to trial justices, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the town of Winterport to purchase the franchises of the Winterport Water Company," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Swan and Sibley Company and others to amend the charter of the city of Belfast, so far as it relates to the election and term of office of assessors, submitting bill "An Act to amend sections 4 and 6 of chapter 363 of the Special Laws of 1850, relating to the election of city assessors of the city of Belfast."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Winn Water and Power Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Orono Water Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of W. F. Wight and others that they may be incorporated as a water company with powers to supply the town of Warren with pure water, submitting bill "An Act to incorporate the Warren Water Company."

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 16 of chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1893," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 16 of chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to itinerant vendors."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Monson Water Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 550 of the Private Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Mousam River Railroad Company,'" submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Brunswick Electric Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge across

Macwahoc stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and on motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of H. M. Littlefield of Waterboro and others that chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, prohibiting taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond in Waterboro, be repealed, submitting bill "An Act to repeal chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond and its tributaries."

Report of the Joint Select Committee on Maine State Year Book, on order relating to receiving proposals from the publishers of the Maine State Year Book for furnishing the State with a sufficient number of copies for the years 1897 and 1898, submitting "Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1897-1898."

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of Martin Baker and 73 others and D. H. Mahoney and 54 others that chapter 580 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868, prohibiting the taking of fish from Swett's pond during the months of December, January and February, and chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, prohibiting taking fish in Field's pond, Orrington, and Brewer's pond in Orrington and Bucksport, except with single baited hook and line, be repealed, submitting bill "An Act to repeal chapter 580 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868 and chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878," came from the House amended by sheet "A," as follows: "Amend by adding to the title the words 'relating to taking fish from certain ponds.'"

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

"Resolve in favor of State Pension Agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House recommitted to the Committee on Pensions, and was recommitted to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Cotton, its Clerk, requesting the return of the resolve to that branch, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the vote whereby the resolve was recommitted to the committee was reconsidered and it was ordered returned to the House.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

AUGUSTA, February 25, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,

*Secretary of State.*

"An Act to amend section 7 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 308 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts;"

"An Act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages;"

"An Act to permit inland game to be taken for park purposes in this State;"

"An Act to amend section 4, chapter 256, of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers;"



"An Act in relation to voluntary trusts;"

"An Act to provide for the better protection of public records;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, presented petition of Rev. A. Dalton and 16 others; of H. H. Shaw and 36 others; of George H. Libby and 7 others; of A. R. Wright and 35 others; of Payson Tucker and 57 others; of S. R. Small and 84 others, all of Portland, to permit the election of women on the school board of Portland.

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of C. Jesse Blake and 75 others to prevent the trapping of foxes,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company." Senate Document No. 100;

"An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf." Senate Document No. 101;

"An Act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island." Senate Document No. 102;

"An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company." Senate Document No. 103;

"An Act to confirm the organization of the New York Machine Company, and to enable it to aid in the construction of railroad tracks." Senate Document No. 104;

"An Act relating to appeals in case of damages for land taken for ways." Senate Document No. 105;

"An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings." Senate Document No. 106;

Which bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Public Works," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Company,'" reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Maine," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act relating to the Old Town municipal court,"

Which was read the second time and Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, offered amendment "A," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to authorize the town of Richmond to purchase the property and franchises of the Richmond Water Company, and to incorporate the Richmond water commissioners;"

"An Act to confirm the organization of the Hathorn Fancy Forging Company and change its name to that of the Hathorn Manufacturing Company;"

"An Act to organize the plantation of Criehaven;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill:

“An Act relating to the staff of the commander-in-chief,”

Which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, bill “An Act to amend ‘An Act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Hospital,’ ” was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment “A,” which was adopted. The bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, bill “An Act to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo,” was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment “A,” striking out the words “private and special” in the title and in section 1, and inserting in place the word “public,” which was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill “An Act to create a lien on spool timber and bars,” was taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. PIKE of York, “Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School,” was taken from the table, assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, and re-tabled.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset,  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 26, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wyman of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that when we adjourn we adjourn to Tuesday at 10 o'clock A. M., March 2d.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. R. Chaples and 39 others; of W. O. Holman and 71 others of Rockland, for amendment to the constitution of the State prohibiting the appropriation of money for sectarian purposes;

Remonstrance of John R. Goodwin of Wells and 414 others against granting authority to the county commissioners of York county to lay out a highway across the Webhannet river in Wells;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1891, to provide for the recording of assignments of wages when the assignor is commorant in an unorganized place;"

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 353 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the Bluehill Water Company;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Dana W. Sweet and 14 others of Freeman; of E. G. Blanchard and 30 others of Yarmouth and North Yarmouth; of L. E. Burbank and 10 others of Parsonsfield; of A. E. Clay and 14 others of Lakeville plantation; of J. W. Stewart and 49 others of Mars Hill and Blaine; of J. J. Carr and 37 others of Dover; severally for equalization of school tax;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of G. R. Wiley and 40 others of Bethel in favor of a liberal appropriation for the State College,

Which was referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Hunnewell and 24 others of China; of T. H. Starkey and 59 others of Vassalboro; of Wm. Lamb and 60 others of Clinton; of Fred S. Soule and others of Freeport; of Leslie A. Lee and others of Brunswick, in favor of bill to prevent the trapping of foxes,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of A. M. Fogg and 50 others of Hebron; of Sanford Mitchell and 24 others of Caribou; of George A. Dinsmore and 119 others of Kittery; of A. S. Ladd and 46 others of Calais; of Albert T. Lane and 23 others of Lebanon; of Amos J. Shorey and 50 others of Charleston; of S. M. Davis and 50 others of Hartland, in favor of law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of C. S. Hinkley and others of Washington county; of Nelson Woodward and 35 others of Jonesport, fishermen,

Severally for amendment to laws relating to lobster fishing in Washington county.

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Rev. F. B. Nelson and 13 others of Lebanon in favor of allowing women to vote in municipal elections;

Petition of Elizabeth J. Cowell and 15 others of Lebanon for better protection for girls;

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of B. F. Dennison of Freeport and 280 others relative to all trees and shrubbery growing within the limits of the streets and

highways, that the petition be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs,

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of B. F. White and others for the repeal of chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 relating to width of tires of wheels on Greenfield road in town of Greenbush, that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Which reports were read and accepted and the petitions referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 159 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott and Curtis E. Moon the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock,' " that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 159 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895," (entitled "An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott and Curtis E. Moon the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock,") that the same ought not pass.

Report of the Committee on Mines and Mining, on bill "An Act to provide for the geological and mineralogical survey of the State," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of selectmen of Hollis for an appropriation to help pay expense incurred for bridges in said town, submitting "Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the town of Hollis."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, chapter 232 of the

Private and Special Laws of 1891," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A," as follows: Amend the title by adding the following: "Relating to tolls on logs and lumber in Thorn Brook, south branch of the Piscataquis river."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on "Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and Tuesday next, assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture,"

The vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of laws of 1889, in relation to sale of pressed hay," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the bill was laid on the table.

The following communications were received from the office of the Secretary of State:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,

AUGUSTA, February 22, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify

you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county;"

"An Act to establish a bounty on wildcats;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent."

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, February 25, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Act, the title of which is hereto appended, has been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act relating to the staff of the commander-in-chief,"

Which were read and sent down.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 69 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors."

The same senator presented bill, "An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations."

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.



Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented "Resolve in favor of Freedom Academy."

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented bill "An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine."

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of R. W. Black and 130 others of Augusta; of L. W. Edwards and 25 others of Bridgton; of Evan H. Bragg and 100 others of Sidney; of J. N. Martin and 40 others of Portland; of C. H. Hallett and 35 others of Sidney; of J. M. Littlefield and 40 others of Foxcroft; of John N. Webb and 14 others of Waterville; of James C. Bishop and 32 others of Guilford; of C. L. Tanner and 38 others of Dexter, severally for the enactment of a law to prevent the trapping of foxes.

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented "Resolve in favor of William H. Holmes of Augusta."

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 18 of the Public Laws of 1891, and to amend section 5 of chapter 58 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the board of agriculture."

Which was laid on the table to be printed pending reference.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, March 1st, 1897, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Which was read and subsequently withdrawn by request of Mr. DRUMMOND.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, That the messenger be directed to discontinue the open wood fires in the fire places of the Senate chamber.

Which was read, and on motion Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, laid on the table.

Printed bills:

"An Act relating to chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Company.'" Senate Document No. 107;

"An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Public Works." Senate Document No. 108;

"An Act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers." Senate Document No. 109;

"An Act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Company." Senate Document No. 110;

Which bills were each read once and Tuesday next assigned for their second reading.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on "Resolve in aid of the Wiscasset bridge," which was referred to said committee for its opinion on question of law, on report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported that aid may legally be granted for repairs on Wiscasset bridge, in view of special and peculiar provisions contained in the charter of the company owning said bridge. And said Judiciary Committee further asks leave to report that said resolve with this report be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Which report was read and accepted and referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act relating to common schools," reported that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Which report was read and accepted.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to provide for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland upon half pay," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94 of Public Laws of 1891," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94 of Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of board of agriculture."

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the taxation of savings banks," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Banking and Trust Company," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Trust and Banking Company."

Mr. HEALD from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act for the protection of beaver," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company;"

"An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company;"

"An Act to confirm the organization of the New York Machine Company, and to enable it to aid in the construction of railroad tracks;"

"An Act relating to appeals in case of damages for land taken for ways;"

"An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1897-1898;"

"An Act to create a lien on spool timber and bars;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond and its tributaries;"

"An Act to incorporate the Orono Water Company;"

"An Act to amend chapter 550 of the Private Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Mousam River Railroad Company;'"

"An Act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Company;"

"An Act to amend the charter of the Brunswick Electric Railroad Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Warren Water Company;"

"An Act to amend sections 4 and 6 of chapter 363 of the Special Laws of 1850, relating to the election of city assessors of the city of Belfast;"

"An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Winn Water and Power Company;"

"An Act to amend section 16 of chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to itinerant vendors;"

"An Act to incorporate the Monson Water Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

"An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

"An Act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock.

"An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook.

"An Act to repeal chapter 580 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868 and chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relating to taking fish from certain ponds,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves:

"Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws, and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game;"

"Resolve relating to the publication of a map of the State of Maine;"

Which resolves were each finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company, and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company," was taken from the table, read once, and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted and Tuesday next was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company," was taken from the table, and Mr. SAVAGE offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, "Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge across Macwahoc stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 2, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend section 23 of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to require the use of wide tires upon team wagons;"

Petition of A. G. Blunt and 29 others of Skowhegan; of Roland T. Patten and 304 others of Skowhegan;

Severally for amendment to charter of Somerset Traction Company;

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve relative to fixing the dates of the Maine State Fair and the Eastern Maine State Fair,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of A. McDonald and others of Rockland; of Fred C. Mower and 85 others of Auburn; of A. E. Robinson and 41 others of Bridgton and Harrison; of John B. Robinson and 73 others of Oxford;

Severally for act to prevent the trapping of foxes;

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Georgie Lambert and others of Freeport; of Rev. Hosea Hewitt and others of South Berwick, asking that the bill

prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes be given a passage.

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order to inquire into the expediency of so amending that portion of section 38 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to poll taxes, as to establish a uniform rate of poll taxes throughout the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of F. W. Meservey and 16 others that a law be enacted prohibiting the use of fire arms by boys under eighteen years of age, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of George H. Haynes and 19 others of Chester, that an appropriation to aid in erecting a high school building in said town, be granted, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 378 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to connections between telephone lines," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act to revive the charter of the Portland Loan Company," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Baskahegan Dam Company that their charter be amended so that the rates might be increased, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of H. Blanchard and Sons and others for repeal of chapter 172 of Public Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to regulate the packing of fish in hermetically sealed cans," that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of Francis D. Long and others of Bluehill for the repeal of section 8, chapter 247, laws of 1893, prohibiting taking smelts by purse or drag seines in the waters of Bluehill bay, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act to amend section 43 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the weekly close time for taking salmon in the rivers of the State," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of J. B. Ripley and others that commutation money paid during the late war be refunded, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Josiah I. Brown, late chaplain of the Fifteenth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, that he be paid for expenses incurred for recruiting men for that regiment, and also for services rendered as chaplain prior to his muster as such, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and others that the legislature will provide such enactments as will raise the age of protection for girls from fourteen years as it now stands, to the age of eighteen years, submitting bill "An Act for the better protection of girls."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Piscataqua river in the town of Eliot, county of York," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolves in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital," submitting "Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital."

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home," with statement of facts annexed, that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of Robert A. Story and others of Lincoln plantation that aid be granted in building a bridge across the Megalloway river on the road location as laid out by the county commissioners, submitting "Resolve in favor of Lincoln plantation, No. 5, range 2, Oxford county."

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the the bills and resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.



Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act additional to chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid."

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act to extend an act entitled 'An Act to supply the people of South Gardiner village in the city of Gardiner, with pure water.'"

The same senator presented bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 143 of Revised Statutes, relating to duties of municipal officers."

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented "Resolve to provide for the building of a hatch house at Caribou; and a cottage at Lake Auburn hatchery; and to extinguish the claim of Dr. Sirois and Hon. Don H. Powers against the State; and to build artificial feeding ponds at the Monmouth hatchery."

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of I. E. Fletcher and more than 1000 others of Auburn, Lewiston, Minot, Poland, Buckfield, Mechanic Falls, Hartford, Turner, Canton, Peru, Dixfield, Weld, Carthage, Livermore, Hebron, Rumford, Paris, Norway, Oxford and Portland, for law to prevent the trapping of foxes.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of Allen Henderson and 33 others of Bluehill for close time on deer in Long Island, Bluehill, for a period of five years.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"Resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy." Senate Document No. 111;

"Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Maine." Senate Document No. 113;

"An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company." Senate Document No. 114;

"An Act to provide for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland upon half pay." Senate Document No. 116;

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94 of Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of board of agriculture." Senate Document No. 117;

"An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Trust and Banking Company." Senate Document No. 119;

"An Act for the protection of beaver." Senate Document No. 120;

Which bills and resolves were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to amend chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the taxation of savings banks." Senate Document No. 118,

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, laid on the table.

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to create a State board of examiners of teachers and to define its duties," submitted the same in new draft under title "An Act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of the State."

Which report was read and accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act relating to chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Company.'"

"An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Public Works;"

"An Act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers;"

"An Act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

"An Act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company, and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

The same committee reported the following resolves:

"Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading, on motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington.

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the town of Hollis,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to create a lien on leather;"

"An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook;"

"An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Lincoln;"

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce;"

"An Act to regulate the taking of eels and white fish;"

"An Act to change the name of the Saint Lawrence Street Congregational Parish of Portland;"

"An Act relating to the incorporation of the Portland Female Provident Association;"

"An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company to make a loan;"

"An Act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company;"

"An Act to confirm the organization of the Hathorn Fancy Forging Company and change its name to that of the Hathorn Manufacturing Company;"

"Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1897;"

"Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1898;"

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

"Resolve in favor of aid in building bridge across Sandy stream in Lexington plantation;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, bill "An Act to amend chapter 30 and chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to inland fisheries and game," (Senate Document No. 76,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2, chapter 18 of the Public Laws of 1891, and to amend section 5 of chapter 58 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the board of agriculture," (Senate Document No. 115) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, bill "An Act to incorporate the City of Deering Water Company," (Senate Document No. 112,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School," came up by assignment.

Mr. PIKE of York, offered amendment "A" which was rejected by rising vote, 7 in the affirmative, 16 in the negative. The same senator offered amendment "B" which was rejected by rising vote, 11 in the affirmative, 13 in the negative.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to regulate the interest on money;"

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Castine Water Company;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1891, relative to the protection of forests;"

Bill "An Act in relation to the care of convicts who are sick at the expiration of sentence;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act in relation to suits for taxes;"

Bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 8 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indorsements of writs;"

Remonstrance of George A. Wilson and 186 others of Paris; of H. N. Bolster and 133 others of Paris, against the passage of an act entitled "An Act to give to the Oxford Light Company certain powers not granted by the general law;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances of burial lots in trust and to provide for recording such

conveyances," came from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and was laid on the table on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin.

Petition of J. A. Johnson and 33 others of Jefferson for equalization of school tax,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of A. S. C. Hall and 48 others of Madison and Skowhegan for extension of charter of Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of F. H. Hazelton and 20 others for change in insurance laws,

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to provide funds for the adequate protection of inland game, and to regulate its transportation by non-residents;"

"Resolve for a better enforcement of the game laws, and for the propagation of fish in Maine, by establishing a permanent fund;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Herbert H. Colburn and 104 others, fishermen and citizens of Rockport, Knox county, against any change in the present lobster law,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Ferdinand R. Coburn and 26 other students in Maine preparatory schools; of Grace M. Colburn and 22 others, students of Maine preparatory schools, praying that the name of the State College be changed to University of Maine.

Which were referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

Petition of Henry W. Briggs and 11 others of Hudson; of Chas. A. Robinson and 31 others of Corinth, against the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in this State,

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Prison," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of L. A. Ireland and 70 others of Corinna that the hunting of partridges with dogs be prohibited, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the Hallowell Water Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the mayor of the city of Eastport that the Eastport toll bridge be maintained by the State as a free bridge, submitting bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport bridge."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the trustees of the Wayne Library Association that their action by which they changed the name of said association, might be declared legal, submitting bill "An Act to change the name of the Alonzo Wing Library Association."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing the Rumford Falls Lumber Company to hold stock and bonds of the Rumford Falls Brick Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trusts

in public burial places, and providing for the record of deeds of burial lots," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of land for taxes," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Misery Stream Dam Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the York County Delegation, on "Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, March 3, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act to create a lien on leather;"

"An Act to regulate the taking of eels and white fish;"

"An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Lincoln;"

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce;"

Which was read and sent down.



Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Aroostook county in making temporary loans and creating a sinking fund, and to authorize said county to borrow money and to issue bonds."

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 11, chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerks of corporations."

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented remonstrance of E. M. Lawrence and others of Lubec; of M. F. Thompson and others of Lubec, against bill establishing Eastport municipal court.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed bill:

"An Act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of the State." Senate Document No. 121,

Which was laid on the table pending first reading on motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order to inquire into the expediency of such legislation as will render women eligible to election as overseers of the poor in the towns of this State, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. REYNOLDS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to preserve the purity of public water supplies," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. MAXWELL from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of White Brothers and others that the charter of the Baskahegan Dam Company be amended, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. SIMPSON from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on bill "An Act to authorize county commissioners

to lay out railroads for temporary purposes in unincorporated townships," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 69 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN from the Committee on Public Buildings, on "Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rules.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"Resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Maine;"

"An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company;"

"An Act to provide for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland upon half pay;"

"An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Trust and Banking Company;"

"An Act for the protection of beaver;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home;"

"Resolve in favor of Lincoln Plantation, No. 5, Range 2, Oxford county;"

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital;"

"An Act for the better protection of girls;"

"An Act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Piscataqua river in the town of Eliot, county of York;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bill:

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94 of Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of board of agriculture,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds;"

"An Act to create a lien on spool timber and bars;"

"An Act to amend section 16 of chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to itinerant vendors;"

"An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors;"

"An Act to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 356 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo;"

"An Act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized December 16, 1892, under the Revised Statutes of Maine, chapter 55, as the Bangor General Hospital, and now named Eastern Maine General Hospital;"

"An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag hospital;"

"An Act to organize the plantation of Criehaven;"

"An Act to amend sections 4 and 6 of chapter 363 of the Special Laws of 1850, relating to the election of city assessors of the city of Belfast;"

"An Act to authorize the town of Richmond to purchase the property and franchises of the Richmond Water Company, and to incorporate the Richmond water commissioners;"

"An Act to enable the town of Dexter to establish a system of water works and sewerage;"

"An Act to incorporate the Warren Water Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Orono Water Company;"

"An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Winn Water and Power Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Monson Water Company;"

"An Act to amend chapter 550 of the Private Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Mousam River Railroad Company;'"

"An Act to amend the charter of the Brunswick Electric Railroad Company;"

"An Act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Company;"

"An Act relating to the extension of time of charter of Bluehill Trust and Banking Company;"

"An Act to establish a board of fire commissioners for the city of Auburn;"

"An Act to amend chapter 298 of the Private and Special Laws of 1880, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company;'"

"An Act to repeal chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond and its tributaries."

“Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1897 and 1898;”

“Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge across Macwahoc Stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook;”

“Resolve in favor of State pension agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill “An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, chapter 232 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to tolls on logs and lumber in Thorn brook, south branch of the Piscataquis river,” was taken from the table and the same senator offered Senate amendment “A” which was adopted.

The bill was then read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment “A” and Senate amendment “A.”

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, bill “An Act to incorporate the town of Swan’s Island,” was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment “A,” pending the consideration of which, on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington,  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 4, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. Dority of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend section 7 of chapter 180, Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maine;"

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 146 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the taxation of collateral inheritances;"

Bill "An Act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State;"

Remonstrance of Chas. L. Weeman and 106 others of the town of Parsonsfield against polling place at Kezar Falls;

Remonstrance of C. O. Small and 75 others of Madison; of A. J. Bernard and 39 others of Skowhegan; of Forrest Goodwin and 32 others of Skowhegan; of George A. Shurtleff and 58 others of Skowhegan; of J. B. Dascomb and 15 others of Skowhegan; of E. W. Marble and 33 others of Skowhegan, severally against the amendment of charter of Somerset Trac-tion Company;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve to change the mode of warming the Normal and Training School building at Fort Kent;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of York;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Alfred Lennox and 8 others to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of H. N. Fairbanks and 16 others for change in insurance laws,

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Owen Wincapaw and 9 others for a close time on clams;

Remonstrance of George F. Wheeler and 44 others of Knox county; of Weston H. Wiley and 34 others of Knox county, against any change in the lobster law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of D. A. Meaher and 135 others, for city charter for Willard, in the town of South Portland, with accompanying bill,

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of M. M. Waldron and 75 others of W. C. T. U. of Bangor for the passage of the cigarette bill;

Remonstrance of Frank Luce and 70 others of New Vineyard against the bill for licensing guides;

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Military Affairs," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee,

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Steamboat Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of D. S. Chadbourne and others for an appropriation for break-

waters to protect the State bridge in Mattawamkeag, submitting "Resolve in favor of breakwater at Mattawamkeag bridge," came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Company," that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the executors of the will of Cyrus Cole," that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of William M. Cook and 8 others of Casco that they may be incorporated under the name of "Green Grove Cemetery Association," that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Flanders Cemetery Association," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of E. G. Howard and 31 others of Ashland that Elbridge G. Dunn be given the exclusive right to navigate Portage lake in Aroostook county by steam and electricity, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of John Tinkham and others of Anson and Starks that aid be granted in building a road in towns of Anson and Starks, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of James Morton and 175 others of Knox county, to prohibit hunting-dogs from running at large in close time, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.



Report of the Committee on Temperance, on bill "An Act to regulate the purchase and sale of intoxicating liquors by cities and towns," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to extend and additional to the charter of the Oakland Water Company," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize Madison Village Corporation to purchase the property and franchises of the Madison Water Company, and to incorporate the Madison Village Corporation Water Commissioners," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the Madison Village Corporation to purchase the property and franchises of the Madison Water Company," came from the House amended by sheet "A," amending the title so that it shall read as follows: "An Act to authorize the Madison Water Company to sell and convey its property and franchises to the Madison Village Corporation."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Deer Isle Water Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 45, chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State prison," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Hallowell Water Commissioners," submitting same in new draft under the same title.

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Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Kingfield Water Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Calais Academy," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to legalize the doings of School District No. 5, in the town of Falmouth, and of the trustees of the Crispus Graves fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building erected out of said fund in said district," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and pending acceptance was laid on the table on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the bank examiner," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act for the better protection of sheep,'" that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and pending acceptance laid on the table on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 594 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Company,' " submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and pending acceptance was laid on the table on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to authorize Wilbur Grant, his heirs and assigns, to build and maintain sorting and holding booms on Mattawamkeag river near the Oxbow," submitting the same in new draft under the title of "An Act to authorize the erection of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at the Oxbow."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of P. A. Strickland and others for the right to improve the navigation of the east branch of the Penobscot river for driving of logs, submitting bill "An Act to incorporate the Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Company."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and on motion by the same senator, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Joseph L. Dana and others that the State purchase a parcel of land for addition to burial grounds; also petition of Joseph

Tower and others for repairs on church at Peter Dana's Point, that the petitioners have been provided for in the annual resolve for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians which is herewith submitted, entitled "Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on "Resolve in favor of Josiah T. McLellan of Gorham," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, on "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and pending acceptance was laid on the table on motion by Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, March 4, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds;"

"An Act to create a lien on spool timber and bars;"

"An Act to amend section 16 of chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to itinerant vendors;"

"An Act to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 356 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo;"

"An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors;"

Which was read and sent down.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the 40th annual report of the bank examiner, for 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883," (relating to dyke in town of Millbridge;)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented bill "An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 11, Revised Statutes of 1883, as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, 212 of the Public Laws of 1889 and 216 of the Public Laws of 1893," (relating to free high schools;)

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of L. C. Bridgham and 15 others of Minot in favor of equalization of school tax;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of A. T. Stevens and 18 others of Bluehill;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of A. P. Ritchie and 10 others of Monroe;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of B. P. Stuart and 26 others of Belgrade;

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of W. S. Davis and 50 others of Woodstock; of L. P. Newton and 28 others of Andover;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of S. L. Plummer and 22 others of Sweden;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented petition of Fred C. Hale and 57 others of New Sharon;

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of W. S. Davis and 51 others of Woodstock;

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented petition of E. E. Edgerly and others of Princeton;

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented petition of Alvah Mallett and 36 others of Topsham;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented bill "An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of Adelbert L. Norton and others of Jonesport and vicinity; of Nathaniel C. Beale and 69 others of Jonesport and vicinity; of C. W. Falkingham and 63 others of Jonesport; severally asking that the law relating to lobster fisheries be amended to allow catching lobsters in Washington county during the time from April 15 to July 1 to a limited size of nine inches and over;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend section 69 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors." Senate Document No. 122;

"An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island." Senate Document No. 123;

"Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol." Senate Document No. 124;

"An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations." Senate Document No. 125;

Which were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. SIMPSON from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve in favor of Oliver Moulton of Randolph, Maine," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. WEEKS from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Catherine Glassian and Sudic Johnson, members of Penobscot tribe of Indians, for full ownership of certain real estate in the reservation of said tribe, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. WEEKS from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of members of Penobscot tribe of Indians for an amendment to chapter 126 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the adoption of members into said tribe, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. MORRILL from the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the exemption of property of widows from taxation," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act granting a new charter to the city of Portland," submitted same in new draft under the same title,

Which report was read and accepted, the bill (Senate Document No. 94) read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on petition of George P. Wescott and many others for an amendment to the proposed new city charter of Portland, permitting the election of women on the school board, submitted bill "An Act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland;"

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of real actions and rights of entry," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee on bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioners' court for the county of Lincoln," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. REYNOLDS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the York Sewer Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Freedom Academy," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and as amended by chapter 52 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and New Castle Railroad Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Library, on "Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which reports were read and accepted and the several bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve:

"An Act relating to the Hallowell Water Company,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A,"

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of land for taxes;"

"An Act authorizing the Rumford Falls Lumber Company to hold stock and bonds of the Rumford Falls Brick Company;"



"Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport bridge;"

"An Act to change the name of the Alonzo Wing Library Association;"

"An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trusts in public burial places and providing for the record of deeds of burial lots;"

"An Act to incorporate the Misery Stream Dam Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolve:

"Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School,"

Which was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That a messenger be sent to the Governor to ask the return of Senate Document No. 61.

Which was read and passed and the Secretary conveyed the message, subsequently reporting that the resolve, "Resolve in favor of State Pension Agent expending money for examination of claims under the direction of Governor and Council," had been returned to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. MORRILL, the votes whereby the resolve was finally passed and passed to be engrossed were reconsidered, and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted and the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, bill "An Act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes pond, in the town of Bluehill, during certain months in the year," was taken from the table, and the same senator offered amendment "B," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendments "A" and "B."

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as

amended by chapter 94 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of the board of agriculture," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances of burial lots in trust and to provide for recording such conveyances," was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House in referring the bill to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered the same placed on file.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, bill "An Act to authorize the county commissioners of Cumberland county to negotiate a loan for the payment of land damages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest avenue in the city of Deering, in said county," (Senate Document No. 98) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington, "Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows," was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, re-tabled.

On motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford, bill "An Act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of the State," was taken from the table, read once, and on motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, assigned for consideration to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 5, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gibson of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to Monday, March 8th, at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mortgaging of wards' estate by guardians;"

Remonstrance of Howard Frost and others of Sanford against the establishment of the Sanford municipal court;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the use of bicycles,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 112 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 37 of the Public Laws of 1891, and by chapter 121 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to normal schools and the Madawaska Training School;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of L. P. Newton and 22 others of Andover for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed;

Petition of George Bray and 8 others of Bingham; of Alvah Mallett and 37 others of Topsham; of Fred C. Hale and 51

others of New Sharon, for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Remonstrance of George M. Barrows and 89 others of Newport against granting the exclusive right of the Nahmakanta Steamboat Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to provide additional close time for fishing,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. D. Davis and 52 others of Knox county, against any change in the lobster law,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of the students of Hampden Academy and others, asking that the name of the State College be changed to the University of Maine,

Which was referred to the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts in concurrence.

Petition of John B. Pike and 24 others of Hiram; of Charles E. Dow and 48 others of Mapleton; of Bangor W. C. T. U.; asking that the sale of cigarettes be prohibited;

Remonstrance of W. H. Weston and 24 others of Russel Post, G. A. R., of Skowhegan, against appropriation in favor of Soldiers' Home at Newport;

Which were severally ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act granting Susan S. B. Spring the right to maintain a dam at its present height at or near the lower narrows, so called, at West Harpswell, in the town of Harpswell, for the purpose of retaining so much of the tide water as is necessary for the culture of fish," that the same ought to pass, came from the House referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

The report was read and accepted and referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act to repeal the bounty on bears," that the same ought to pass, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The report was read and accepted and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on petition of F. G. Coffin and 54 others; Levi Leighton and 41 others; J. E. White and 46 others, for additional aid for public schools, and to reduce the sum to be raised by towns for the same, that the petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Which report was read and accepted and the petitions referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to establish a commission of public works in the city of Deering," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Union and Warren Electric Light and Power Company," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education on bill "An Act to change the names of the normal and training schools of the State," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 51, Revised Statutes, for the transportation of bicycles," that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "An Act providing for a topographic survey and map of Maine," that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Library, on "Resolve relating to a loan of State reports to the town of Monson," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act to abate taxes on the west half of Township No. 4, Range 5, west of Kennebec river in Somerset county," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the use of compressed air for power," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the waiving of the provisions of a will by a widow and the interest she shall have in the estate of the testator after such waiver," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act relating to waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve in favor of roads in Indian Township, Washington county," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to repeal the close time on mink," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to grant the commissioners of inland fisheries and game authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State."

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of N. B. Eastman and others of Wayne that section 7 of chapter 249, Public Laws of 1893, be amended by adding at the end of said section the words "or dip nets," submitting bill "An Act to amend section 7, chapter 249, of the Public Laws of 1893," came from the House amended by sheet "A" as follows: Amend the title by adding the words: "relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, laid on the table.

Bill "An Act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the ninth report of the State Board of Health for the two years ending December 31, 1895,

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the election of truant officers by the superintending school committee;"

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented "Resolve in favor of the Maine Pedagogical Society;"

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented "Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of E. A. Lapham of Pittston and 50 others;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented petition of C. W. Adams of Wilton and 83 others;

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of Allen Carter of Hampden and 15 others;

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented petition of G. S. Pendleton of Warren and 24 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of Miles Pease of Belmont and 21 others;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented resolutions from Pomona Grange of Oxford county;

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of H. W. Hammond of Hampden and 15 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented bill "An Act to repeal chapter 171 of the Private and Special Laws of 1872, of chapter 137 of Private and Special Laws of 1866, of chapter 569 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, of chapter 161 of Private and Special Laws of 1895, of chapter 55 of Private and Special Laws of 1887, of chapter 266 of Private and Special Laws of 1895, of chapter 142 of Private and Special Laws of 1887, of chapter 183 of Private and Special Laws of 1887, of chapter 46 of Private and Special Laws of 1878, of chapter 347 of Private and Special Laws of 1877, of chapter 261 of Private and Special Laws of 1849, of chapter 574 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and other obsolete laws relating to close time for fishing on the public waters of the State,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Company." Senate Document No. 126;

"Resolve in favor of Freedom Academy." Senate Document No. 127;

"An Act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of real actions and rights of entry." Senate Document No. 128;

"An Act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland." Senate Document No. 129;

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioners' court for the county of Lincoln." Senate Document No. 130;

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and as amended by chapter 52 of the



Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and New Castle Railroad Company." Senate Document No. 131;

Which bills and resolve were each read once and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to incorporate the York Sewer Company." Senate Document No. 132,

Which was read once, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Mr. REYNOLDS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the discharge of mortgages of real estate," reported that the same ought not to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend section 16, chapter 24, of Revised Statutes, relating to paupers," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of F. F. Caswell and others relating to the dumping of sawdust and other refuse matter in Gilman pond stream and its tributaries, that the same be prohibited, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. REYNOLDS from the same committee, on bill "An Act regulating the shearing of sheep," reported that the same ought not to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 38 of Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 255 of Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of milk," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of F. L. Walker and 132 others for removal of close time on bass in Thompson's pond, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. HEALD from the same committee, on petition of E. Witham and 15 others of Madison, for amendment to law relating to killing bears, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

The same senator from the same committee, to which was referred the report of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game for 1896, reported that the same be accepted;

The same senator from the same committee, to which was referred the third annual report of the forest commissioner of the State of Maine for 1896, reported that the same be accepted;

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. REYNOLDS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. PARSONS from the same committee, on bill "An Act to amend section 27, chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the fortnightly payment of wages,'" reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the same committee, on bill "An Act additional, relating to Hubbard Free Library of Hallowell," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Military Affairs, on bill "An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Library, on bill "An Act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities," submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

Which reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act granting a new charter to the city of Portland;"

"An Act to amend section 69 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors;"

"An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island;"

"Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol;"

"An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations;"

Which several bills and the resolve were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary;"

"Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of Josiah T. McLellan of Gorham;"

"Resolve in favor of Calais Academy;"

"An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock;"

"An Act to incorporate the Deer Isle Water Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Madison Water Company to sell and convey its property and franchises to the Madison Village Corporation;"

"An Act to incorporate the Kingfield Water Company," as amended by House amendment "A;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company;"

"An Act to amend section 45, chapter 140, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State prison;"

"An Act to incorporate the Hallowell Water Commissioners;"

"An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the bank examiner;"

"An Act to authorize the erection of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at the Oxbow;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for water for the Maine State prison;"

"An Act relating to the Old Town municipal court;"

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital;"

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Prison;"

"Resolve in favor of Lincoln plantation No. 5, Range 2, Oxford county;"

Which bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, the report of the Committee on Reform School, on "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School," was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House accepting the report and recommitted the same to the committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance,'" was taken from the table and the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby it referred the same to the Committee on Legal Affairs and referred the bill to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, "Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, the report of the Committee on Agriculture on bill "An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act for the better protection of sheep.'" was taken from the table, the report accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook,

*Ordered*, That a messenger be sent to the Governor requesting the return of Senate Document No. 79,

Which was read and passed and the Secretary conveyed the message, subsequently reporting that the bill "An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook," had been returned to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. SHARP, the vote whereby the bill was passed to be enacted was reconsidered and the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of the State," came up by assignment, and on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, was reassigned for consideration on Wednesday next, and retabled.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,  
Adjourned.

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MONDAY, March 8, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leech of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the necessity of amending section 113 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, so as to make the railroad commissioners elective instead of appointive, and also to provide an appeal from their decision to the supreme judicial court, and report by bill or otherwise,

Which was read and Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, offered an amendment striking out the words "legal affairs,"

and inserting in their place the words "railroads, telegraphs and expresses."

The amendment was adopted and the order passed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act for the better protection of sheep;'"

Petition of B. P. Stuart of Belgrade and 27 others; of Miles Pease of Belmont and 21 others; of C. F. Sanborn of Parsonsfield and 29 others; of A. T. Stevens of Bluehill and 20 others; of A. P. Ritchie of Monroe and 10 others, severally for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed;

Petition of S. L. Plummer of Sweden and 22 others; of E. E. Edgerly of Princeton and 29 others; of G. S. Pendleton of Warren and 22 others; of E. A. Lapham of Pittston and 45 others, severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Herbert Huckins and 50 others of Hancock county; of F. W. Collins and 77 others of Rockland; of W. W. Case and 129 others of Rockland; of Charles E. Weeks and 18 others of Rockland; of Ralph R. Ulmer and 38 others of Rockland; of John R. McDonald and 27 others of Addison, severally against any change in the lobster law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the salary of the county attorney of Hancock county,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Petition of 200 citizens of Whitneyville praying for the passage of the cigarette bill,

Which was ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of C. W. Morrill and others of Parkman and vicinity

that chapter 197 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to taking trout from Marble pond be repealed, submitting bill "An Act to repeal chapter 197 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895," came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 67 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, relative to scire facias on trustee process," that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Hallowell,' " that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Sunny Side Cemetery Association," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to chapter 189 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Company,' " that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Farmington Village Corporation,' " that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Company," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of W. H. Farrar of Ripley and 36 others;

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of W. E. Ingersoll of Columbia Falls and 38 others;

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of H. F. Weymouth of New Portland and 44 others;

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, presented petition of Thomas E. Meade of Bridgton and 46 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of John Magee of Columbia Falls and 33 others;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented petition of Chas. E. Wheeler of Chesterville and 13 others;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of H. P. Marr of Swanville and 21 others; of E. R. Wentworth of Knox and 26 others;

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of Samuel W. Tinkham of Anson and 32 others;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented petition of L. G. Keyes of North Jay and 26 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented remonstrance of Geo. F. Kavanough and 131 others against the passage of section 44 of Senate bill number 76, as follows: It shall be unlawful to use in hunting for or shooting any moose or deer any metal patched or metal cased bullets,

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of A. C. Phinney and 50 others asking for amendment to the lobster laws allowing the catching of lobsters to a limited length of nine inches in the county of Washington from April 15 to June 15,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Severally sent down for concurrence.



Printed bills:

"Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine." Senate Document No. 133;

"An Act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners." Senate Document No. 134;

"An Act to amend section 27, chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens." Senate Document No. 135;

"An Act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the fortnightly payment of wages.'" Senate Document No. 136;

"An Act additional relating to Hubbard Free Library of Hallowell." Senate Document No. 137;

"An Act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages, and of branch libraries in towns and cities." Senate Document No. 138;

"An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum." Senate Document No. 139;

Which bills and resolve were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to provide that all general hospitals, receiving aid from the State of Maine, shall be obliged to have at least one homeopathic physician on its medical staff; one homeopathic surgeon on its surgical staff and one homeopathic physician and surgeon on its staff of consulting physicians and surgeons," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Lincoln County Historical Society," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize towns to appoint special committees for special purposes," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sales of land for non-payment of taxes," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HEALD from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on "Resolve to provide for the building of a hatch house at Caribou, and a cottage at Lake Auburn hatchery, and to extinguish the claim of Dr. Sirois and Hon. Don H. Powers against the State, and to build artificial feeding ponds at the Monmouth hatchery," submitted the same in new draft under title of "Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sirois against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of game warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morriss."

Which reports were read and accepted and the bill and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Company;"

"Resolve in favor of Freedom Academy;"

"An Act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of real actions and rights of entry;"

"An Act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioners' court for the county of Lincoln;"

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and as amended by chapter 52 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and New Castle Railroad Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian township, Washington county;"

"An Act relating to the use of compressed air for power;"

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act for the better protection of sheep;'"

"An Act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company;"

"An Act to grant the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State;"

"An Act relating to waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of land for taxes;"

"An Act for the better protection of girls;"

"An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trusts in public burial places and providing for the record of deeds of burial lots;"

"An Act relating to appeals in case of damages for land taken for ways;"

"An Act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Piscataqua river in the town of Eliot, county of York;"

"An Act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company, and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company;"

"An Act to change the name of the Alonzo Wing Library Association;"

"An Act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company;"

"An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company;"

"An Act authorizing the Rumford Falls Lumber Company to hold stock and bonds of the Rumford Falls Brick Company;"

"An Act relating to chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Company;'"

"An Act relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company;"

"Resolve in favor of Maine State Prison;"

"Resolve in aid of repairing the bridge across the Narragagus river in the town of Milbridge;"

"Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates;"

Which several bills were passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed, in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York,  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, March 9, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to incorporate the New City Hall Commission of Waterville, under the name of the City Hall Commission,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Resolutions of South Paris board of trade opposing the granting to the Oxford Electric Light Company any special rights not provided for in the general law,

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend sections 59, 60, 61 and 62 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies;"

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to inspection of buildings;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas E. Mead of Bridgton and 44 others; of Franklin Pugsley of Cornish and 24 others; of D. O. Bowen of Morrill and 14 others; of W. E. Ingersoll of Columbia Falls and 31 others,

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring an inspection of grass seed.

Petition of C. N. Adams of Wilton and 31 others; of D. O. Bowen of Morrill and 14 others; of Chas. E. Wheeler of Chesterville and 20 others, severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff,

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Zenro West and 117 others of Milbridge; of E. A. White and others of Columbia Falls; of W. J. Fisher and 92 others of Eastport, asking for an amendment to the lobster laws allowing the catching of lobsters nine inches in length and over from April 15 to June 15 in Washington county;

Remonstrance of J. W. Pierce of Southport and 26 others; of Chas. Farren and 41 others of Milbridge; of E. S. Farren and 37 others of Washington county; of W. B. Thurlow and 56 others of Stonington; of William S. Stewart and 24 others of Prospect Harbor; of T. B. Brown and 52 others of Thomaston; of Fremont Osier and 38 others of Bristol; of W. A. Henderson and 45 others of Cutler; of G. P. Colby of Wiscasset and 58 others; of John O. Shaw and 123 others of Bath; of E. C. Curtis and 44 others of Camden; of Lewis F. Gott and 40 others of Tremont; of N. F. Trefethen and 88 others of Portland; of F. E. Burkett and 43 others of Union; of John L. Dyer and 52 others

of South Portland, severally against any change in the lobster law,

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John M. Ramsey and 84 others of Blaine and Mars Hill; of Alden Sylvester of Mars Hill, against the passage of House Document No. 129. (Bill "An Act to incorporate the Mars Hill and Blaine Water Company,")

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs on petition of George W. Stevens and 550 others for change of by-laws of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, that the petitions be referred to the trustees of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, with the recommendation that they receive careful consideration.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and by the Secretary of the Senate, transmitted to the trustees of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 194 of chapter 6 of Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of real estate for taxes," that the same ought not to pass, because the subject matter is already incorporated in a bill reported to this legislature.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of F. B. Gross and 83 others of Orland, that the law relative to taking fish in Eastern Penobscot river in said town be repealed, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted and on motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the rule was suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on petition of C. W. Hume and 84 others that the Eastport Street Railway be given a charter to build a street railway, submitting bill "An Act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway."

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Machias Lake Dam and Improvement Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Andros-coggin, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of the county commissioners of Somerset county for aid in repairing The Forks bridge in said county, submitting "Resolve to repair The Forks bridge in the Forks plantation, Somerset county."

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill, "An Act to regulate the shooting of ducks on the Kennebec river and Merrymeeting bay," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in tide waters, on Sheep's Cove Ledge, in Pennamaquon river, in Pembroke, county of Washington," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, March 9, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trusts in public burial places, and providing for the record of deeds of burial lots;"

"An Act relating to appeals in case of damages for land taken for ways;"

"An Act for the better protection of girls;"

"An Act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of land for taxes;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of Edwin Riley and 190 others of East Livermore in favor of incorporation of East Livermore Light and Power Company.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented remonstrance of S. I. Abbott and 213 others of Waterville against granting a charter to any persons authorizing them to make contracts for the erection of a city hall in Waterville.

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented petition of F. S. Philbrick of West Rockport and 18 others;



Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of S. H. Goodwin of St. Albans and 21 others;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of W. Boynton of Brownfield and 27 others;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of Perley Bishop of Winthrop and 22 others;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of C. S. Adams of South Montville and 22 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring an inspection of grass seed;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of Horace Sanborn of Norway and 42 others;

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented petition of John M. Drury of Livermore and 12 others;

Mr. SHARP of Aroostook, presented petition of Daniel M. Libby of Amity and 21 others;

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented petition of B. M. Patten of Topsham and 21 others;

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of F. H. Albee of Alna and 15 others;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of J. H. Yeaton of Chelsea and 66 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented remonstrance of Smith Hopkins and 104 others of Vinalhaven; of T. E. Libby and 119 others of Vinalhaven; of W. F. Brown and 87 others of North Haven; of S. A. Nutt and 31 others of North Haven, severally against any change in the lobster law;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of G. E. Kimball and 40 others of Pittsfield; of Walter G. Morrill and 37 others of Pittsfield, for an appropriation of a sum of money sufficient to build a soldiers' home at Newport;

Which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, enquire into the expediency of granting Seward Dill of Phillips, county of Franklin, the right to create and maintain a fish pond, and the said Seward Dill be granted exclusive right to catch, kill or destroy fish in said pond for a term of five years.

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of land for non-payment of taxes, as amended by chapter 70 of Public Laws of 1895," reported that the same ought not to pass,

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2, chapter 18, of the Public Laws of 1891, and to amend section 5 of chapter 58 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the board of agriculture," reported that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted, the bill, (Senate Document No. 115) read once and on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, laid on the table.

Mr. MORRILL from the Committee on Taxation, on petition of the municipal officers of Peru for the rebate of a part of the State tax for years 1895 and 1896, of the town of Peru, submitted "Resolve in favor of the town of Peru,"

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve:

"Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine;"

"An Act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners;"

"An Act to amend section 27, chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the fortnightly payment of wages;'"

"An Act additional relating to Hubbard Free Library of Hallowell;"

"An Act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities;"

"An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Company;" (Amended by House amendment "A;")

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Hallowell;'"

"An Act to incorporate the Sunny Side Cemetery Association;"

"An Act relating to chapter 189 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Company;'"

"An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Farmington Village Corporation;'"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

Bill "An Act to amend section 7, chapter 249, of the Public Laws of 1893," was taken from the table and House amendment "A" (adding to the title the words, "relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters,") was adopted.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
Bill "An Act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts," was taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset,  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, March 10, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Henry of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend section 67 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 107 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to attachments,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 237 of the Public Laws of 1889, and amendments thereof, relating to assessment insurance companies, associations or corporations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of H. F. Gould of Kenduskeag and 22 others; of W. L. Daggett of Strong and 72 others; of C. S. Adams of South Montville and 21 others; of F. S. Philbrick of West Rockport and 17 others; of E. R. Wentworth of Knox and 26 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Petition of John M. Drury of Livermore and 14 others; of J. W. Walker of Alna and 19 others; of M. A. Will of Strong and 74 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Martin B. Hamilton and 46 others; of Walter E. Pinkham and 31 others of Harpswell; asking for close time on clams;

Remonstrance of B. F. Woodbury and 28 others of Harpswell; of John H. Stacy and 36 others of Popham Beach; against any change in the lobster law;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

“Resolve in aid of the Maine Gettysburg commission,”

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Resolutions of the Pomona Grange of Penobscot county in favor of the appropriation for the State College;

Petition of J. W. Stewart and 48 others of Mars Hill in favor of the passage of the cigarette bill;

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property,” that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on “Resolve in favor of Franklin county for the propagation of fish and more efficient warden service,” that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of A. L. Condon and 140 others of Brooksville for the enactment of a law prohibiting the taking of migratory fish with seines in the waters of Penobscot bay, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petitions of Peter C. Keegan and 24 others; Arthur B. Daigle and 11 others; P. C. Keegan and 68 others; Fred B. Violette and 18 others; A. H. Tornquist and 21 others; E. A. Smith and 100 others; Israel Ouilette and 11 others; Joseph W. Gary and 80 others; that an additional term of the supreme judicial court be held at Caribou in the county of Aroostook, submitting bill "An Act relating to the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Aroostook."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Northern Development and Manufacturing Company," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to incorporate the Northern Development Company."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to permit the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and to enlarge its purpose to include aid for needy girls," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the dioceses of Maine, as found in chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, and as amended by chapter 311 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864, and further amended by chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1880, and further amended by chapter 106 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend chapter 229 of the Private and Special laws of 1849, entitled 'An Act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine,' as amended by chapter 311 of the Laws of 1864, as amended by chapter 214 of the laws of 1880, and as amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 1895."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Company incorporated under chapter 524 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1885," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to secure the better observance of the Lord's day," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, offered amendments "A" and "B," which were adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend section 19 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports and to account for receipts and expenditures to the trustees of the State normal schools, said reports to be published as a part of the annual report of the State Superintendent of Public Schools, on penalty of forfeiting such aid," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports to the State Superintendent of Public Schools, who shall publish the same as a part of his annual report."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend an act incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railway," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company,'" submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of George M. Warren and 72 others that chapter 256 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, may be amended so as to make it lawful to catch alewives with a gill net on the Bagaduce river, between Johnson's narrows and a point 500 yards from the fishway at Walker's pond, submitting bill "An Act relating to the taking of alewives in Bagaduce river and Walker's pond."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act to amend section 1, chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of



1887, relating to the taxation of certain plantations," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, on "Resolve in favor of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by amendment "A," as amended by amendment "I."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and on motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, laid on the table and assigned for consideration on Tuesday, next.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth annual reports of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, for the years 1895 and 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company,'"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented bill "An Act to amend section 42 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of Andrew B. Cole and 20 others of Norridgewock favoring passage of the Wiggin school tax bill,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented petition of Alden Robbins of Appleton and 24 others;

Of B. A. Emery of South Thomaston and 18 others;

Of R. Grinnell of Union and 50 others;

Of L. D. Carroll of Union and 31 others;

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented petition of Frank Hart of Willimantic and 13 others;

Of William F. Towne of Monson and 11 others;

Of E. G. Lovejoy of Medford and 14 others;

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of Sherburn Leighton of Harmony and 26 others;

Of F. L. Brown of Palmyra and 14 others;

Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, presented petition of E. A. Jones of Webster and 18 others;

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of Gilbert L. Tabbutt of Columbia and 21 others;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of B. F. Foster and 20 others of Montville;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of Harrison Farrar of Paris and 33 others;

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of W. W. Rose of Canton and 57 others;

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of A. L. Gray of North Newport and 26 others;

Mr. SHARP of Aroostook, presented petition of Ira J. Porter of Houlton and 16 others;

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented petition of J. P. Cobb of Bowdoinham and 29 others;

Mr. HURD of York, presented petition of Sherman I. Bean of Jay and 24 others;

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented petition of Hiram Cornforth of Oakland and 17 others;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of D. H. Thing of Mt. Vernon and 35 others;

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented petition of C. B. Albee of Northfield and 9 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented petition of H. H. Payson of Hope and 16 others;

Of J. F. Bryant of Washington and 31 others;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of H. H. Snell of Vassalboro and 18 others;

Mr. HURD of York, presented petition of J. H. Hammond of North Berwick and 27 others;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of W. P. Atherton of Hallowell and 17 others;

Of J. H. Barton of Windsor and 25 others;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, presented petition of L. F. Dolloff of Mt. Vernon and 17 others;

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented petition of F. L. Morang of Eastport and 6 others;

Of D. S. Humphrey of Charlotte and 13 others;

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented petition of Benjamin W. Strout of Milbridge and 20 others;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of Horace Sanborn of Norway and 40 others; of Augustus Charles of Stow and 25 others; of James A. Kimball of Albany and 17 others;

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of J. P. Longley of Palmyra and 22 others;

Mr. HARGRAVES of York, presented petition of Seth Meserve of Lyman and 18 others;

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of L. D. Elliott of Rumford and 20 others;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented petition of Wm. F. Clark of Harpswell and 23 others;

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented petition of I. W. Kenneson of Limestone and 30 others;

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented petition of D. F. Martin of Mattawamkeag and 25 others; of H. F. Gould of Kenduskeag and 22 others; of R. H. Libby of Newport and 47 others;

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, presented petition of G. R. Hoxie of Sebec and 31 others; of Edwin Royal of South Dover and 18 others; of Alfred B. Nichols of Abbot and 46 others; of F. W. Seabury of Parkman and 40 others;

Mr. SHARP of Aroostook, presented petition of W. R. Tyrell of Linneus and 13 others; of Osgood F. Smith of Cary and 22 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring an inspection of grass seed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented remonstrance of John T. Young and 29 others of Matinicus plantation, against any change in the lobster law,

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

On motion by Mr. SALLEY of Somerset,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to enquire into the expediency of the State supporting and maintaining the large bridges, and report by bill or otherwise.

Which was read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Senate Chamber be granted Committee on Towns this Wednesday afternoon for a hearing.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sales of land for non-payment of taxes." Senate Document No. 140;

"Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sirois against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game

Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morriss." Senate Document No. 141;

"Resolve in favor of the town of Peru." Senate Document No. 142;

Which were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the effect of prior conveyances of subsequently acquired titles," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Education, on report of the commission upon the establishment of a new normal school, reported that the same be accepted;

Which reports were read and accepted.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Aroostook county in making temporary loans and creating a sinking fund, and to authorize said county to borrow money and to issue bonds," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the county of Aroostook to make temporary loans,"

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to provide for the retirement of members of the fire department of the city of Portland upon half pay," reported that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted, the bill (Senate Document No. 78) read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 11, chapter 46, of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerks of corporations," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company," submitted the same in new draft under the same title;

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to legalize the incorporation of Wales Grange, No. 40, Patrons of Husbandry," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to holding the terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act relating to the holding of terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county;"

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to provide for filling vacancies of trustees," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 143 of Revised Statutes, relating to duties of municipal officers," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. MORRILL from the Committee on Taxation, on order "relating to the expediency of so amending the statutes that the exemption from taxation of property held by religious societies may apply to the funds of such society devoted to church purposes, where such fund does not exceed the amount of property now exempt as a parsonage, and where no parsonage is owned by said church," submitted bill "An Act to amend paragraph 4 of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of estate and property of religious societies;"

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve:

"Resolve to repair The Forks bridge in The Forks plantation, Somerset county;"

“An Act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts;”

“An Act to regulate the shooting of ducks on the Kennebec river and Merrymeeting bay;”

“An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in tide waters on Sheep’s Cove Ledge, in Pennamaquon river in Pembroke, county of Washington;”

“An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company;”

Which bills and resolve were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“An Act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway,”

Which was laid on the table pending second reading, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

“An Act to amend section 45, chapter 140, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State prison;”

“An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the bank examiner;”

“An Act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers;”

“An Act for the protection of beaver;”

“An Act to provide for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland upon half pay;”

“An Act to authorize the erection of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at the Oxbow;”

“An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport bridge;”

“An Act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes pond, in the town of Bluehill, during certain months in the year;”

“An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock;”

“An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Public Works;”

“An Act to incorporate the Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Company;”

"An Act to incorporate the Misery Stream Dam Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Madison Water Company to sell and convey its property and franchises to the Madison Village Corporation;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Hallowell water commissioners;"

"An Act to incorporate the Deer Isle Water Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Kingfield Water Company;"

"An Act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Trust and Banking Company;"

"An Act to confirm the organization of the New York Machine Company, and to enable it to aid in the construction of railroad tracks;"

"Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan;"

"Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians;"

"Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary;"

"Resolve in favor of Calais Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Military Affairs;"

"Resolve in favor of Josiah T. McLellan of Gorham;"

"Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

The order, "That the messenger be directed to discontinue the open wood fires in the fire-places of the Senate Chamber," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,



Bill "An Act to amend chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the taxation of savings banks," was taken from the table and on motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, assigned for consideration on Wednesday next and retabled.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

The report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to legalize the doings of School District No. 5, in the town of Falmouth, and of the trustees of the Crispus Graves fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey, and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building erected out of said fund, in said district," that the same ought to pass, was taken from the table, the report was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

Bill "An Act to extend and additional to the charter of the Oakland Water Company," was taken from the table, House amendment "A" was adopted, and Mr. SAVAGE offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted.

The bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill "An Act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of the State," came up by assignment, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis,  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 11, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Chase of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 255 of the Public Laws of 1885," (relating to pleas in municipal courts;)

Bill "An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act to provide for printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections;'"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of N. A. Nickerson and 48 others of Orrington for equalization of school tax,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of S. I. Hughes and 75 others of Monson for extension of charter of Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of E. G. Lovejoy of Medford and 15 others; of Benjamin Tarbox of Phillips and 45 others; of Daniel M. Libby of Amity and 21 others; of Ansel Holway of Skowhegan and 172 others; of William P. Deane of West Farmington and 18 others; of Ira Barnes of Lee and 20 others; of Hiram Cornforth of Oakland and 17 others; of H. W. Hammond of Hampden and 15 others; of B. M. Patten of Topsham and 21 others; of Sherman I. Bean of Jay and 24 others; of Ira J. Porter of Houlton and 16 others; of Alden Robbins of Appleton and 21 others; of V. P. DeCoster of Buckfield and 16 others; of Gilbert L. Tabbutt of Columbia and 20 others; of B.

F. Foster of Montville and 20 others; of Wm. H. Moody of Liberty and 35 others; of W. W. Rose of Canton and 56 others; of Wm. F. Towne of Monson and 10 others; of Harrison Farrar of Paris and 33 others; of J. D. Doyle of Benedicta and 15 others; of John A. Standish of Eustis and 23 others; of L. W. Jose of Dexter and 49 others; of R. Grinnell of Union and 51 others; of George M. Gorden of Union and 33 others; of Frank Hart of Willimantic and 14 others; of W. H. Hatheway of Willimantic and 18 others; of D. H. Thing of Mt. Vernon and 25 others; of James F. Ford of Auburn and 19 others; of E. H. Libby of Auburn and 33 others; of F. L. Brown of Palmyra and 19 others; of Harrison L. Strout of North Waterboro and 56 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring an inspection of grass seed;

Petition of Allen Carter of Hampden and 14 others; of J. H. Hammond of North Berwick and 27 others; of W. H. Hatheway of Willimantic and 18 others; of James A. Kimball of Albany and 17 others; of Frank Drew of Stow and 26 others; of H. H. Payson of Hope and 9 others; of A. G. Guptill of Washington and 31 others; of G. R. Hoxie of Sebec and 30 others; of C. O. Dill of Phillips and 43 others; of Perley Bishop of Winthrop and 24 others; of Wm. P. Deane of West Farmington and 10 others; of W. Boynton of Brownfield and 26 others; of M. L. Elwell of Sedgwick and 42 others; of I. W. Kenneson of Limestone and 31 others; of D. F. Martin of Mattawamkeag and 25 others; of F. S. Morang of Eastport and 6 others; of Seth Meserve of Lyman and 15 others; of H. H. Snell of Vassalboro and 20 others; of J. O. Butman of Readfield and 37 others; of H. P. Marr of Swanville and 20 others; of W. A. Blaisdell of Palmyra and 22 others; of L. F. Dolloff of Mt. Vernon and 17 others; of L. W. Jose of Dexter and 51 others; of John A. Standish of Eustis and 28 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Remonstrance of A. E. Farnsworth and 60 others of Tremont; of W. W. Mudgett and 52 others of Stockton; of Benj. F.

Hinckley and 60 others of Georgetown; of Foster Rich and 27 others of Milbridge; of John Hammond and 24 others of Gouldsboro; of Fred Pendleton and 68 others of Winter Harbor; of Seth Webb and 38 others of Oceanville; of W. S. Trussell and 42 others of Cranberry Isle; of E. E. Hammond and 14 others of Hancock county; of C. R. Hupper and 18 others of Knox county; of John A. Beal and 64 others of Jonesport; of John Burnham and 48 others of Edgecomb, severally against any change in the lobster law;

Remonstrance of D. S. Moody and 16 others of Harpswell against being deprived of any rights or privileges in State waters;

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to establish traveling libraries;"

"Resolve appropriating money to carry into effect an act establishing traveling libraries;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Library in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Webster of Newport and 124 others for an appropriation sufficient to build a soldiers' home at Newport;

Petition of B. H. Ridley of Jay and 38 others praying a charter be granted the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company;

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of C. M. Hill and others of Moscow and vicinity for an appropriation from the State to repair and improve Babbitt bridge road in the town of Moscow, submitting "Resolve in favor of granting aid in repairing and maintaining Babbitt bridge road in

town of Moscow," came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the amount of baggage to be carried by railroad corporations for each person purchasing a first-class unlimited ticket," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to regulate the liability of subscribers to newspapers, periodicals and magazines," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act relating to sale of corporeal personal property," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of Frank L. Noble of Lewiston and 70 others that an appropriation be granted in favor of the Healy Asylum of Lewiston, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to establish an additional normal school" (at Presque Isle,) that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to establish an additional normal school" (at Dexter,) that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school in Newport," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Education, on the report of the Industrial School for Girls, that the same be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act to amend section 26 of chapter 49 of Revised Statutes, relating to insurance," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to regulate the salaries of the county commissioners of Franklin county," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend sections 7, 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of venires," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth Academy," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of the trustees of the Lee Normal Academy, for an appropriation for two years, submitting "Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy."

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Asa Jones and 54 others that chapter 68 of the resolves of 1891 be renewed, submitting "Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal School."

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses on bill "An Act to incorporate Southport and Boothbay Harbor Telephone and Telegraph Company," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A" as follows: "Amend the title by inserting after the words 'Boothbay Harbor,' the word 'Boothbay,' so that the title as amended shall read 'Southport, Boothbay Harbor and Boothbay Telegraph and Telephone Company.'"

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Kittery and Eliot Street Railway Company and to authorize the construction of the same across navigable tide waters," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge now existing across the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolve each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in aid of building a bridge across Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, county of Aroostook," submitting same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, the resolve was laid on the table to be printed.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in favor of a road in Dallas Plantation," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of the city of Calais," submitting the same in new draft under the title of "Resolves in favor of the city of Calais."

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An Act granting a new charter to the city of Portland," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, the vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, chapter 232 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to tolls on logs and lumber in Thorn brook, south branch of the Piscataquis river," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, amended by House sheet "A" and Senate sheet "A," came up from the House further amended by House sheet "B" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "B" was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing the town of Kittery to raise money for the observance of its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. HURD of York, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:



## STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

AUGUSTA, March 11, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,

*Secretary of State.*

"An Act to amend section 45, chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State prison;"

"An Act for the protection of beaver;"

"An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the bank examiner;"

"An Act relating to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented remonstrance of C. F. Ginn of Belfast and 14 others against the petition of J. H. Harriman and others to change the law in regard to grand jury of Waldo county,

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented bill "An Act to amend chapter 118, Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to lease a connecting railroad, which may be built from Lime-stone,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of Fred Chapman of South Norridgewock and 39 others;

Of Ira D. Hilton of Starks and 12 others;

Mr. PIKE of York, presented petition of Charles F. Sanborn of Parsonsfield and 29 others;

Of Harrison L. Strout of North Waterboro and 50 others;

Of Albert R. Leavitt of Parsonsfield and 20 others;

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of H. J. Harriman of Bucksport and 28 others;

Of A. H. Dresser of Orland and 25 others;

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented petition of R. O. Jones of Winslow and 37 others;

Of S. C. Watson of Oakland and 23 others;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of George W. Ritchie of Winterport and 20 others;

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of John Fuller of North Newcastle and 9 others;

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented petition of D. P. Boynton of Monmouth and 21 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented petition of Morrill Wing of Phillips and 52 others;

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented petition of D. J. Fisher of Charlotte and 13 others;

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of B. F. Cobb of Poland and 20 others;

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, presented petition of M. L. Elwell of Sedgwick and 41 others;

Mr. SALLEY of Somerset, presented petition of H. B. Ellis of Embden and 20 others;

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented petition of F. M. Haines of Fort Fairfield and 19 others;

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of George W. Oliver of Nobleboro and 27 others;

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented petition of Wm. H. Walker of West Woolwich and 29 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring an inspection of grass seed.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented resolutions of the Somerset Pomona Grange in favor of the enactment of laws for the inspection of concentrated commercial feeds and grass seeds,

Which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company." Senate Document No. 143;

"An Act to provide for filling vacancies of trustees." Senate Document No. 145;

"An Act to amend paragraph 4 of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of estate and property of religious societies." Senate Document No. 147;

"An Act to legalize the incorporation of Wales Grange, No. 40, Patrons of Husbandry." Senate Document No. 148;

"An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company." Senate Document No. 149;

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 143 of Revised Statutes, relating to duties of municipal officers." Senate Document No. 150;

Which bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to amend section 11, chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerks of corporations." Senate Document No. 144,

Which was read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

"An Act relating to the holding of terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county." Senate Document No. 146,

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the Australian ballot," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to establish a State normal school at Houlton," reported that the same be referred to the next legislature, notwithstanding the strong evidence presented to them as to desirability of establishing the same.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of Eben M. Garland," reported that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of William H. Holmes of Augusta," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEEKS from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Waldo Pettingill and others of Oxford county, that the throwing of sawdust and waste into the Ellis river be prohibited, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. WEEKS from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of S. Cabot and others of Andover, that the throwing of sawdust and waste into the Ellis river be prohibited, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Which reports were read and pending acceptance, laid on the table on motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford.

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays which are not holidays," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays which are not bank holidays."

Mr. DRUMMOND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to transfers of stock," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to extend an act entitled 'An Act to supply the people of South Gardiner village in the city of Gardiner, with pure water,'" reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Education, on petition of Israel Ouillette and 29 others of Frenchville for aid to the Chautauqua high school in Frenchville in the county of Aroostook, submitted, "Resolve in favor of an appropriation to aid in erecting a high school building in the town of Frenchville in the county of Aroostook."

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. REYNOLDS from the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. MAXWELL from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Company," submitted the same in new draft under the same title.

Mr. FERGUSON from the Sagadahoc County Delegation, on bill "An Act authorizing the rebuilding of the Merrymeeting bay bridge and making it and the Arrowsic bridge, both in Sagadahoc county, free county bridges," reported the same in new draft under title of "An Act to enable the county of Sagadahoc to rebuild the Merrymeeting bay bridge, to issue bonds therefor and to make it and Arrowsic bridge, free."

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to provide for the retirement of members of the fire department of the city of Portland upon half pay;"

"An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sales of land for non-payment of taxes;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Peru;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

"An Act relating to the taking of alewives in Bagaduce river and Walker's pond,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

"An Act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendments "A" and "B."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to legalize the doings of School District No. 5 in the town of Falmouth, and of the trustees of the Crispus Graves Fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building erected out of said fund in said district;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company;"

"An Act to permit the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and to enlarge its purpose to include aid for needy girls;"

"An Act to amend chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, entitled 'An Act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine,' as amended by chapter 311 of the laws of 1864, as amended by chapter 214 of the Laws of 1880, and as amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 1895;"

"An Act to amend section 19 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railway;"

"An Act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Company, incorporated under chapter 524 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1885;"

"An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company;"

"An Act relating to the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Aroostook;"

"An Act to incorporate the Northern Development Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills and resolve:

"An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports to the State superintendent of public schools, who shall publish the same as a part of his annual report,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec.

"Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sirois against the State, for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morriss,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin.

"An Act to amend an act incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company,"

Which was read the second time and laid on the table pending passage to be engrossed on motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland.

"An Act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Company,"

Which was read the second time and laid on the table pending passage to be engrossed on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolve:

“An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94 of Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of board of agriculture;”

“An Act relating to waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator, and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator, and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases;”

“An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled ‘An Act for the better protection of sheep;’”

“An Act to amend an act entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the Farmington Village Corporation;’”

“An Act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway;”

“An Act relating to chapter 189 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Company;’”

“An Act relating to the Hallowell Water Company;”

“An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the city of Hallowell;’”

“An Act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company;”

“Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian Township, Washington county;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolve was finally passed, in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same committee reported the following bill:

“An Act relating to the use of compressed air for power,”

Which was laid on the table on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, bill “An Act to incorporate the town of Swan’s Island,” was taken from



the table and Senate amendment "A" was rejected by a rising vote, 17 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative. The bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway," was taken from the table, and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to amend chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company,'" was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, "Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the town of Hollis," was taken from the table, assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, and retabled.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 12, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Coons of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That when the House and Senate adjourn to-day, it be, the Senate concurring, to meet on Monday next, at 4.30 o'clock,

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act in regard to the right of exceptions," came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, was laid on the table pending reference in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to legalize the organization of the plantation of Swan's Island;"

Bill "An Act to amend section 54 of chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes," (relating to the service of warrants;)

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Lubec Water Company;"

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Sewerage Company;"

Bill "An Act relative to powers and duties of town officers;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 116 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the schooling of children in unorganized townships,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to permit the Patten and Sherman Railroad Company to sell or lease its road,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of W. H. Emerson of North Newcastle and 5 others; of Ira D. Hilton of Starks and 34 others; of H. J. Harriman of Bucksport and 28 others; of George W. Ritchie of Winterport and 20 others; of E. H. Tobey of Norridgewock and 39 others; of H. F. Weymouth of New Portland and 53 others; of S. C. Watson of Oakland and 14 others; of Sherburn Leighton of Harmony and 47 others; of W. H. Farrar of Ripley and 34 others; of J. H. Yeaton of Chelsea and 66 others; of R. O. Jones of Winslow and 40 others; of A. L. Gray of North Newport and 27 others; of Frank Stuart of Northfield and 23 others; of Albert R. Leavitt of Parsonsfield and 20 others,

Severally for the enactment of a law requiring an inspection of grass seed.

Petition of E. F. Straw of Parkman and 38 others; of Alfred B. Nichols of Abbot and 41 others; of Bradbury Merrill of South Dover and 17 others; of C. W. Allen of Freeman and 35 others; of D. S. Humphrey of Charlotte and 13 others; of B. F. Cobb of Poland and 20 others; of D. J. Fisher of Charlotte and 13 others; of F. M. Haines of Fort Fairfield and 19 others; of George W. Oliver of Nobleboro and 27 others; of Osgood F. Smith of Cary and 20 others; of James F. Bither of Linneus and 25 others; of Samuel W. Tinkham of Anson and 31 others; of R. H. Libbey of Newport and 43 others; of D. L. Frost of St. Albans and 28 others; of W. P. Atherton of Hallowell and 23 others; of Morrell Wing of Phillips and 53 others; of William F. Clark of Harpswell and 23 others; of R. W. Ellis of Embden and 19 others;

Severally for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. C. Gilman and 40 others of Ashdale; of E. T. Mereen and 25 others of Small Point,

Severally against any change in the lobster law.

Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Cloudman Post, No. 100, G. A. R., against Newport Home,

Which was ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve providing for the collection of the necessary data for a history of the Maine troops in the War of the Rebellion, and for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office," submitting the same in new draft under title of "Resolve providing for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office," came from the House referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on "Resolves in favor of the Maine Relief Corps' Home," submitting the same in new draft under title of "Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine," came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, laid on the table and assigned for consideration on Thursday next.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act to provide for printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections,' " that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry in the State of Maine," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend sections 5 and 20 of chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to waste and trespass on real estate," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to secure the secret ballot," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the city of Deering Water Company," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act amendatory of chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the disinterment of dead bodies," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the reassessment of taxes in case of irregularity or error in the original assessment," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of B. F. Dennison of Freeport and 280 others, relative to all trees and shrubbery, except properly cared for ornamental trees, growing within the limits of the streets and highways, that the petition be referred back to this House and be placed on file, as a bill covering same subject matter has been reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school in the city of Calais," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on petition of T. E. Skolfield and others of Harpswell for a charter for an electric, steam or power railroad, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of proprietors of Machias boom that revision and alteration of fees and tolls of Machias boom be made, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of John Ross and others for an act regulating the sale of unmarked logs and stray logs and providing for the distribution of the proceeds received therefrom, that the petition be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of D. A. Meaher and 135 others, that a city charter for Willard in the town of South Portland be granted, that the petition be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of Harrison Davis and 3 others that that part of Elliottsville which was a part of township number nine, range nine, be set off from Elliottsville plantation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of William Scott," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on bill "An Act to prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 319 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company,'" that the same ought not to pass.

Which was read and pending acceptance in concurrence, laid on the table on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on "Resolve for the preserving the block house of Fort Kent," that the same ought not to pass.

Which was read and pending acceptance in concurrence, laid on the table on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes, as now amended,

relating to the public schools," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 102, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the title of State superintendent of schools."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Castine State Normal School," submitting same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted and on motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox, the rules were suspended, the resolve was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Franklin, Somerset and Kennebec Railway Company," submitting same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to further prevent forest fires and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish and game, killed and taken in the State, and for the further protection of inland fish and game, and for the registration of guides," submitting same in new draft under the title of "An Act providing for the registration of guides, and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to inland fish and game."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to amend section 41 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river above the water works dam at Bangor," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to fix the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Franklin," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

# STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, March 12, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act relating to waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator, and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator, and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases;"

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act for the better protection of sheep;'"

"An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of board of agriculture;"

Which was read and sent down.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the twenty-seventh report of the librarian of the Maine State Library, for the years 1895 and 1896,

Which was referred to the Committee on Library.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend an act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt, approved February 18, 1897,"



Which was read twice under suspension of the rules, on motion by the same senator, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, presented bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Calais;'"

The same senator presented bill "An Act relating to trial justices;"

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act to regulate the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counselors, to provide for a board of examiners, and to repeal conflicting acts;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of V. P. De-Coster of Buckfield and 14 others for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented "Resolves providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipage for Company M, First Regiment, N. G. S. M., and Company M, Second Regiment, N. G. S. M.,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State prison physician,"

Which was referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine." Senate Document No. 151;

"An Act relating to transfers of stock." Senate Document No. 152;

"An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays which are not bank holidays." Senate Document No. 153;

"An Act to extend an act entitled 'An Act to supply the people of South Gardiner village, in the city of Gardiner, with pure water.'" Senate Document No. 154;

Which bills were each read once and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

"An Act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways." Senate Document No. 155.

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, laid on the table.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend sections 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, in reference to ways," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 35 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to notifying towns in pauper cases," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of Nathaniel Hobbs and 16 others for close time on Bonny Beg pond in the towns of North Berwick and Sanford, reported that the same be referred to the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, as the subject matter of the petitions properly comes under their jurisdiction by the general law;

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to prohibit persons not inhabitants of this State, from killing and hunting fur bearing animals," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. MORRILL from the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of John O. Shaw and 18 others of Bath for a change in the law relating to fishing in Winnegance creek, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 277 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the time of holding the September term of the supreme judicial court, Piscataquis county," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to dyke in town of Milbridge," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to amend section 76 of chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish and fisheries,' " reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. FERGUSON from the Committee on Insane Hospital, on communication from the Governor transmitting a notice from the executors of the will of Joseph H. Williams, late of Augusta, that said Joseph H. Williams, by his will, had made a bequest to the State of Maine for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital, submitted "Resolve accepting the legacy to the State of Maine by the will of Joseph H. Williams of Augusta, for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital;"

Mr. PIKE from the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of the executors of the will of Cyrus Cole," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company;"

"An Act to provide for filling vacancies of trustees;"

"An Act to amend paragraph 4 of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of estate and property of religious societies;"

"An Act to legalize the incorporation of Wales Grange, No. 40, Patrons of Husbandry;"

"An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

"An Act to amend section 11, chapter 46, of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerks of corporations,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman;"

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge now existing across the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute;"

"Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary;"

"Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal School;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick;"

"Resolves in favor of the city of Calais;"

"Resolve in favor of a road in Dallas plantation;"

"An Act to incorporate Southport, Boothbay Harbor and Boothbay Telegraph and Telephone Company," as amended by House sheet "A;"

"An Act to amend sections 7, 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of venires;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 143 of Revised Statutes, relating to duties of municipal officers,"

Which was read the second time and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," as follows: Amend title by adding the following words at the end, "relating to insane persons," which was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to incorporate the Kittery and Eliot Street Railway Company and to authorize the construction of the same across navigable tide waters,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations;"

"An Act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island;"

"An Act to regulate the shooting of ducks on the Kennebec river and Merrymeeting bay;"

"An Act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts;"

"An Act to authorize the construction of weirs, in tide waters, on Sheep's Cove Ledge, in Pennamaquon river, in Pembroke, county of Washington;"

"An Act to amend section 69 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors;"

"An Act to incorporate the Sunny Side Cemetery Association;"

"An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Company;"

"Resolve to repair The Forks Bridge in The Forks plantation, Somerset county;"

"Resolve in favor of George M. Coombs;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same committee reported the following bill:

"An Act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland,"

Which was laid on the table on motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

Bill "An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of laws of 1889, in relation to sale of pressed hay," was taken from the table and on motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House in indefinitely postponing the bill, and insisted on its action in passing the same to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

Bill "An Act to repeal chapter 580 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868, and chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relating to the taking of fish in certain ponds," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A" as follows: Strike out title as amended and insert new title as follows: "An Act to repeal chapter 580 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868, and chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relating to Swett's pond, Fields pond and Brewers pond in Orrington," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford,

The reports of the Committee on Interior Waters on petitions of S. Cabot and others and Waldo Pettingill and others that the throwing of sawdust and waste into the Ellis river be prohibited, were taken from the table and recommitted to the committee.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, submitting bill "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 594 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Company,'" was taken from the table, accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted and Monday next was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARGRAVES of York,  
Adjourned.

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MONDAY, March 15, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quimby of Gardiner.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

"Resolve in favor of Perkins plantation,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Resolutions passed by the Auburn Grange, No. 4, P. of H., in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

Petition of P. O. Spinney and others of Brunswick asking for a law to regulate the sale of concentrated commercial feeding stuff,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Caribou," that the same ought to pass, came from the House referred to the Governor and Council.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence and by the Secretary of the Senate transmitted to the Governor and Council.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1891, relative to the protection of forests," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in relation to limitations of real actions and rights of entry," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to regulate the interest on money," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 146 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the taxation of collateral inheritances," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of J. E. Fletcher and more than 1,000 others of Auburn, Lewiston and other places that a law be passed to prevent the trapping of foxes, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of James E. Kelley and 75 others of Lubec, that a law be formulated granting a bounty on wild cats killed, that the petition be filed with other papers referring to the same subject, a law to that effect having been enacted.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to provide additional close time for fishing," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to encourage the cultivation and propagation of fish in private and inland waters," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to limit the amount of white perch to be taken in Meddybemps lake in the county of Washington," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to amend section 54, chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 271 of the Public Laws of 1885,



as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the number of pounds of white perch and pickerel to be taken," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of Carlos Heard of Biddeford and 188 others; Samuel L. Lord of Saco and 119 others; that a law may be passed granting all persons the privilege of dipping alewives, shad and salmon under the lower falls of the Saco river, that the petitions be referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act for the protection of deer upon the island of Isle au Haut in the county of Hancock," that the same be referred to the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, as the subject matter of the act properly comes under their jurisdiction by the general law.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of the parish of Saint Agatha, towns of Frenchville and Madawaska, Aroostook county, State of Maine, that said parish be incorporated into a town, that the petition be referred to the next Legislature for want of legal notice.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on petition of F. A. Follett and others that soldiers who have lost a leg or arm be exempted from paying a poll tax, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act relating to the taxation of real estate mortgaged," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act to provide for the taxation of estates of deceased persons," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. PIKE of York, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in relation to the care of convicts who are sick at the expiration of sentence," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 9 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ways," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes as now amended, relating to the public schools," submitting same in new draft under title of "An Act additional to section 88 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes as now amended, relating to the returns of town superintendents," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in favor of a road in Jerusalem plantation," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in aid of the Wiscasset bridge," and petitions therefor, that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 40 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 260 of Public Laws of 1885, and by subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended as follows: Amend by adding to the title the words, "relating to migratory fish and fishways."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

## STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, March 13, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,  
*Secretary of State.*

"An Act to amend section 69 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes relating to auditors;"

"An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations;"

"An Act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to protect assignees,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, presented bill "An Act relating to the crossings of the new highway in Ashland and Sheridan plantation by the Branch Track and Log Spur of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad;"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, presented petition of C. B. Meserve and others of Bristol for incorporation of Damariscotta and Bristol Telephone Company;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Company." Senate Document No. 157;

"An Act to enable the county of Sagadahoc to rebuild the Merrymeeting bay bridge, to issue bonds therefor and to make it and Arrowsic bridge, free." Senate Document No. 158;

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation to aid in erecting a high school building in the town of Frenchville in the county of Aroostook." Senate Document No. 159;

"An Act additional to chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid." Senate Document No. 160;

"An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 277 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the time of holding the September term of the supreme judicial court, Piscataquis county." Senate Document No. 161;

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to dyke in town of Milbridge." Senate Document No. 162;

"An Act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company." Senate Document No. 163;

"An Act to amend section 76 of chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish and fisheries.'" Senate Document No. 164;

"Resolve accepting the legacy to the State of Maine by the will of Joseph H. Williams of Augusta, for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital." Senate Document No. 165;

"Resolve in favor of the executors of the will of Cyrus Cole." Senate Document No. 166;

Which bills and resolves were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill  
"An Act to amend section 205 of chapter 6 of the Revised Stat-

utes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to taxes," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on communication of Nicholas Fessenden, relating to election laws, submitted bill "An Act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to provide for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections;'"

Which reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine,"

Which was read the second time and on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, laid on the table.

"An Act relating to transfers of stock;"

"An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays which are not bank holidays;"

"An Act to extend an act entitled 'An Act to supply the people of South Gardiner village in the city of Gardiner, with pure water;'"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

"An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 594 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Company,'"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to incorporate the Franklin, Somerset and Kennebec Railway Company;"

"An Act to fix the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Franklin;"

"An Act to amend section 41 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river above the water works dam at Bangor;"

"An Act to amend section 102, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the title of State Superintendent of Schools;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf;"

"An Act to authorize the county of Aroostook to make temporary loans;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioners' court for the county of Lincoln;"

"An Act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of real actions and rights of entry;"

"An Act to grant the commissioners of inland fisheries and game authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State;"

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and as amended by chapter 52 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and Newcastle Railroad Company;"

"An Act authorizing the town of Kittery to raise money for the observance of its 250th anniversary;"

"An Act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company;"

"An Act additional relating to Hubbard Free Library of Hallowell;"

"Resolve in favor of State pension clerk expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council;"

"Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Maine;"

"Resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge across Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, county of Aroostook," (Senate Document No. 156) was taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

"Resolve providing for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office," was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

Bill "An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,

"Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sirois against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morriss," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,

Bill "An Act providing for the registration of guides and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to inland fish and game," was taken from the table, assigned for consideration on Thursday next, and retabled.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford,  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 16, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. George of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That, the Senate concurring, on and after Friday, the 19th instant, two sessions shall be held daily, unless otherwise ordered, Sundays excepted, until the day of final adjournment; the afternoon sessions to commence at three o'clock;

That, the Senate concurring, all committees are directed to report finally on or before Friday, the 19th instant;

Which were each read and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to enable cities and towns to aid in procuring bondsmen for city and town treasurers and collectors of taxes;"

Bill "An Act to prevent the use of diseased meat for domestic purposes;"

Bill "An Act providing for the support of the chronic insane by the State after twenty years' residence at the Insane Hospital;"

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance;"

Which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysburg commission,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Remonstrance of W. H. Lawrence and 12 others of Hancock county; of William Leeman and 31 others of Bristol; against any change in the lobster law;



Which were referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph B. Welt and 13 others of Waldoboro asking the passage of bill now before the legislature to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff, and the inspection of grass seed;

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Ashland and 46 others against the passage of the act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company;

Which were ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to establish a municipal court in the city of Eastport," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to establish the West Washington municipal court," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on "Resolve relative to fixing the dates of the Maine State fair and the Eastern Maine State fair," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on "Resolve for the better enforcement of the game laws, and for the propagation of fish in Maine, by establishing a permanent fund," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Franklin County Delegation, on bill "An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Franklin county to abate the county tax on Perkins plantation," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to abolish days of grace and fix the date of maturity on notes, drafts and other evidences of indebtedness," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to establish bank holidays and to abolish days of grace on commercial paper."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Lamoine Beach Water Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order of the legislature to inquire into the expediency of further amendments to render more effective the provisions of chapter 379 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled "An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries," submitting bill "An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries."

Which report was read and pending acceptance was laid on the table on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George D. Babbitt, treasurer of Maine Pulp and Paper Company, that it may be granted the right to generate, sell, distribute and supply electrical power in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, submitting bill "An Act to authorize the Maine Pulp and Paper Company to generate, sell, supply, distribute and transmit electricity for power and heating."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to establish the Maine Polyclinic," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the county commissioners of Cumberland county to negotiate a loan for the payment of land damages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest avenue in the city of Deering in said county," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 506 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Deering,' as amended by chapter 439 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 633 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 238 of Private and Special Laws of 1895," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act to regulate the packing, marking and sale of domestic sardines," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to regulate the packing of sardines," came from the House amended by sheets "A," "B," "D" and "E."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendments adopted, and Mr. WYMAN of Washington, offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted, and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Bill "An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of Laws of 1889, in relation to sale of pressed hay," came up from the House, that branch insisting on its action in indefinitely postponing the same, and asking a committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,  
Weeks of Fairfield,  
Goodrich of Maxfield.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the Senate insisted on its action and joined the committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Clason of Kennebec,  
Merrill of Somerset,  
Roberts of Oxford.

The following communication was received from the Executive Department:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
March 16, 1897.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I have the honor herewith to transmit a communication just received from Hon. W. L. Strong, mayor of the city of New York.

As the subject referred to is one in which our people must be deeply interested, in common with patriotic citizens of all the

states, and as it has already assumed national importance, it seems to me proper that the legislature should have an opportunity to express its judgment as to whether or not our State should be represented in New York upon this occasion, and to take such action as they may deem necessary in the premises.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,  
March 13, 1897.

Sir: The ceremonies attending the formal transfer to the city of New York of the Grant monument by the Grant Monument Association, are to take place in this city on Tuesday, the 27th day of April next, and on behalf of our citizens I have the honor to extend to you a cordial invitation to be present, with the members of your staff and as many of the troops of your state as possible, and take part in the exercises incident to the occasion.

Inasmuch as this event may be regarded as of historical importance and of deep national interest, it is earnestly hoped that you will be able to honor the occasion by your presence and thus aid in rendering a fitting tribute to the memory of one of our country's most illustrious soldiers and citizens.

An early response is respectfully requested.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

W. L. STRONG, Mayor,  
and Chairman Grant Monument Municipal  
Inaugural Committee.

His Excellency, LLEWELLYN POWERS, Governor, &c.,

Augusta, Maine.

Which was read and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 226 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company;"

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 132, Public Laws of 1891, relating to punishment for intoxication;"

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented petition of A. D. Cornish and others for an amendment of the charter of the municipal court for the city of Lewiston:

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 493 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Governor to appoint special officers to enforce police regulations among the Indian tribes of the State,'" reported that the same ought not to pass,

Which report was read and accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to enable the county of Sagadahoc to rebuild the Merrymeeting bay bridge, to issue bonds therefor and to make it and Arrowsic bridge free;"

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation to aid in erecting a high school building in the town of Frenchville, in the county of Aroostook;"

"An Act additional to chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid;"

"An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 277 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the time of holding the September term of the supreme judicial court, Piscataquis county;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to dyke in town of Milbridge;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company;"

"An Act to amend section 76 of chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish and fisheries;'"

"Resolve accepting the legacy to the State of Maine by the will of Joseph H. Williams of Augusta, for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital;"

"Resolve in favor of the executors of the will of Cyrus Cole;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

"An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 260 of Public Laws of 1885, and by subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, relating to migratory fish and fishways;"

Which was read the second time and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A" and Senate amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of a road in Jerusalem plantation;"

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge across Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve in aid of the Wiscasset bridge;"

"An Act in relation to the care of convicts who are sick at the expiration of sentence;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

"An Act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Company,"

Which was read the second time and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, laid on the table.

"An Act additional to section 88 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to returns of town superintendents,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland.

"An Act to amend sections 6 and 9 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ways,"

Which was read the second time and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend sections 7, 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of venires;"

"An Act to amend section 19 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

"An Act to amend section 27, chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the fortnightly payment of wages;'"

"An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings;"

"An Act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities;"

"An Act relating to the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Aroostook;"

"An Act granting a new charter to the city of Portland;"

"An Act to amend 'An Act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt,' approved February 18, 1897;"

"An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum;"

"An Act to permit the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and to enlarge its purpose to include aid for needy girls;"

"An Act to legalize the doings of School District No. 5, in the town of Falmouth, and of the trustees of the Crisp Graves

fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building erected out of said fund in said district;”

“An Act to amend chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, entitled ‘An Act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine,’ as amended by chapter 311 of the laws of 1864, as amended by chapter 214 of the laws of 1880, and as amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 1895;”

“An Act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway;”

“An Act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company;”

“An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company;”

“An Act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railway;”

“An Act to amend chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company;”

“An Act to incorporate the Southport, Boothbay Harbor and Boothbay Telegraph and Telephone Company;”

“An Act to extend and additional to the charter of the Oakland Water Company;”

“An Act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Company, incorporated under chapter 524 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1885;”

“An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, chapter 232 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the Thorn Brook Dam Company;”

“An Act to incorporate the Northern Development Company;”

“An Act relating to the taking of alewives in Bagaduce river and Walker’s pond;”

“Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge now exisiting across the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook;”



"Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman;"

"Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine;"

"Resolve in favor of Castine State Normal School;"

"Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal School;"

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary;"

"Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute;"

"Resolve in favor of the city of Calais;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick;"

"Resolve in favor of a road in Dallas plantation;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, bill "An Act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland," was taken from the table and passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power," was taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act to incorporate the Machias Lake Dam and Improvement Company," was taken from the table and Mr. SAVAGE offered amendment

"A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company," was taken from the table and Mr. SAVAGE offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act to amend section 1, chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, relating to the taxation of certain plantations," was taken from the table and Mr. SAVAGE offered amendment "A," as follows: Amend the title by striking out the words, "of certain plantations," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "of plantations Letter E, 27, Franklin, E. Franklin county and Lang 45, Franklin 2, Range 3, W. B. K. P.," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Company," was taken from the table and Mr. SAVAGE offered amendment "A," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by the same senator, bill "An Act to incorporate the Kittery and Eliot Street Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of the same across navigable tide waters," was taken from the table and Mr. SAVAGE offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, bill "An Act to amend an act incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendments "A" and "B," which were both adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, bill "An Act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways," was taken from the table, read the second time and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the trustee of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," came up by assignment.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, offered Senate amendment "A."

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, offered Senate amendment "B."

The same senator offered Senate amendment "C."

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered Senate amendment "D."

Messrs. Clason of Kennebec, Parsons of Piscataquis, Stearns of Aroostook, and Reynolds of Cumberland, addressed the Senate, and pending further consideration of the resolve,

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, March 17, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thayer of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to authorize the Bath Gas and Electric Company to issue additional bonds,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute," with petition accompanying,

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll and railway bridges across the St. John river," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company," came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Reform School," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bank examiner's report, that the same be accepted.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213, Special Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Company,' " that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company,' " that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Castine Water Company," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend chapter 184 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Castine Water Company.' "

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Old Town Gas Light and Power Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act additional to and to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 34 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the duties of municipal officers," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act in relation to suits for taxes," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to increase the efficiency of the local board of health of the town of Eden," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 353 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the Bluehill Water Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of B. F. White and others for the repeal of chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to width of tires of wheels on Greenfield road in town of Greenbush, submitting bill "An Act to repeal chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to prevent the use of narrow rimmed wheels on Greenfield road in town of Greenbush.'"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 8 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indorsement of writs," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act in relation to division fences," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, relating to division fences," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 396 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 204 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Deer Isle Telephone Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act relating to chapter 320 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kennebago Railroad Company,'" that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to inspection of buildings," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker, for cause," submitting same in new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Albert Daggett and 36 others that trees and shrubbery be removed from highways, submitting bill "An Act for the better preservation of highways and commoding public travel," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, House amendments adopted, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bills.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company,' as amended by chapter 74 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and by chapter 482 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, and by chapter 620 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893;" submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Cutler for repairs on highways and bridges," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolve each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of Joseph Martin and others for aid to build the Daigle bridge in the town of Van Buren, submitting "Resolve in favor of building a bridge over the Daigle brook in the town of Van Buren and county of Aroostook," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, House amendment "A" adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the resolve.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of C. W. Morrill and 140 others that chapter 197 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to taking fish in Marble brook and pond be repealed, submitting bill "An Act to repeal chapter 197 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to taking fish in Marble brook and pond."

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act repealing chapter 463 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to repeal chapter 463 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek."

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on petition of G. Z. Vaughan and others that county taxes assessed on Lang plantation and now remaining unpaid, be abated, submitting bill "An Act to abate the county taxes assessed on Lang plantation since its organization and now remaining unpaid."

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act to amend section 33 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes on stock of banks and other corporations," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report "A" of the Committee on Towns, on petition of George F. Stone and others that they may be set off from the town of Berwick and annexed to the town of South Berwick, submitting bill "An Act to set off a part of the town of Berwick and annex the same to South Berwick."

(Signed) Murray,  
Fernald,  
Austin.

Report "B" of the same committee, on the same petition, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

(Signed) Chamberlain,  
Poor,  
Hathaway.

Came from the House report "B" accepted.

The reports were read and report "B" was accepted in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:



## STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

AUGUSTA, March 17, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,

*Secretary of State.*

"An Act to grant the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioners' court for the county of Lincoln;"

"An Act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of real actions and rights of entry;"

"An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented bill "An Act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington, presented resolutions of Union Grange, No. 326, in regard to legislation relating to seeds and feeding stuff,

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to provide for the printing and distributing ballots at

the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections.'” Senate Document No. 167;

“An Act to amend section 205 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to taxes.” Senate Document No. 168;

Which bills were read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “An Act relating to trial justices,” reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Allen Garner and 63 others for the establishment of a voting precinct in the northern part of the town of Parsonsfield, with a polling place in Kezar Falls, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Education, on “Resolve in favor of the Maine Pedagogical Society,” reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill “An Act to amend an act entitled ‘An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance,’” reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. SALLEY from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, submitted their final report.

Mr. HINKLEY from the Committee on Salaries, on “Resolve in favor of Daniel L. Warren of Thomaston, Me.,” reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order of the legislature relating to the estate of Alice Robertson, reported “Resolve in favor of heirs of John Robertson.”

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “An Act to amend an act entitled ‘An Act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Calais,’” reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 226 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of A. D. Cornish and others that sections 4 and 5 of chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended, be amended, submitted bill "An Act to amend sections 4 and 5 of chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended."

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 42 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 118, Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 11, Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, 212 of the Public Laws of 1889 and 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, defining course of study in free high schools," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act relating to the crossings of the new highway in Ashland and Sheridan plantation by the branch track and log spur of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HEALD from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to lease a connecting railroad

which may be built from Limestone," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. WYMAN from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of members of Penobscot tribe of Indians for an appropriation for building a new steeple for the church of said tribe, submitted "Resolve for the purpose of repairing the church of the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Mr. BILLINGS from the Committee on State Prison, on bill "An Act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State Prison physician," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act in relation to the municipal court of the city of Portland,'" reported that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to regulate the packing of sardines,"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, offered Senate amendment "B," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendments "A," "B," "D," "E," and Senate amendments "A" and "B."

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to authorize the county commissioners of Cumberland county to negotiate a loan for the payment of land damages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest avenue, in the city of Deering in said county;"

"An Act to amend chapter 506 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Deering,' as amended by chapter 439 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 633 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 238 of Private and Special Laws of 1895;"

"An Act to establish bank holidays and to abolish days of grace on commercial paper;"

"An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power;"

"An Act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation;"

"An Act to incorporate the Lamoine Beach Water Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Maine Pulp and Paper Company to generate, sell, supply, distribute and transmit electricity for power and heating;"

"An Act to establish the Maine Polyclinic;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2, chapter 18 of the Public Laws of 1891, and to amend section 5 of chapter 58 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the board of agriculture," was taken from the table, and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act relating to the holding of terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, bill "An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, "Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the town of Hollis," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the resolve was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, bill "An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make report to the State superintendent of public schools, who shall publish the same as a part of his annual report," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," came up as unfinished business from yesterday.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, withdrew Senate amendment "B."

House amendment "A," as amended by House amendment "1" to the same, was rejected.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Billings, Day, Engel, Ferguson, Heald, Maxwell, Parsons, Poor, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Stearns, Weeks, Wyman—14.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Chamberlain, Clason, Drummond, Grindle, Hargraves, Hinkley, Hurd, McCullough, Merrill, Morrill, Pike, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Savage, Simpson, Walls, Witham—17.

So it was not a vote to adopt the House amendment.

Senate amendment "A," offered by Mr. WALLS of Knox, was adopted.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Chamberlain, Clason, Drummond, Grindle, Hargraves, Hinkley, Hurd, McCullough, Merrill, Morrill, Pike, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Savage, Simpson, Walls, Witham, Wyman—18.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Billings, Day, Engel, Ferguson, Heald, Maxwell, Parsons, Poor, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Stearns, Weeks—13.

So Senate amendment "A" was adopted.

Senate amendment "C," offered by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, was adopted.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Chamberlain, Clason, Drummond, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Merrill, Morrill, Pike, Reynolds of Cumberland, Savage, Simpson, Walls, Witham, Wyman—17.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Billings, Day, Engel, Ferguson, Maxwell, McCullough, Parsons, Poor, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Stearns, Weeks—14.

So Senate amendment "C" was adopted.

Senate amendment "D," offered by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, was rejected.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Chamberlain, Clason, Drummond, Hargraves, Hinkley, Hurd, Merrill, Morrill, Pike, Reynolds of Cumberland, Savage, Walls, Witham—13.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Billings, Day, Engel, Ferguson, Grindle, Heald, Maxwell, McCullough, Parsons, Poor, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Simpson, Stearns, Weeks, Wyman—18.

So it was not a vote to adopt Senate amendment "D."

The resolve was then read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendments "A" and "C."

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895,

relating to the taxation of savings banks," came up by assignment and on motion by Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland, was reassigned for consideration on Tuesday, next, and retabled.

On motion by Mr. SIMPSON of Hancock,  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, March 18, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Andrews of Garland.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act authorizing the town of Lebanon to contract with the city of Rochester, New Hampshire, to supply the village of Lebanon with water for fire and domestic use;"

Bill "An Act to regulate the employment of legislative counsel and agents, and to provide for returns of legislative expenses;"

Bill "An Act relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime;"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 127 of the Public Laws of 1895," (relating to the duties of the commissioner and wardens of sea and shore fisheries,)

Which was referred to the Committee on Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act fixing the salaries of county and State officers for a period of years," came from the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the bill was laid on the table.



Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act relative to powers and duties of town officers," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act to provide for printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections,'" that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve to change the mode of warming the normal and training school buildings at Fort Kent," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend section 108 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the qualifications necessary for admittance to normal schools," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on petition of W. S. Simpson and others, that a law be enacted for the regulation and equalization of freight rates, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 237 of the Public Laws of 1889, and amendments thereof, relating to assessment insurance companies, associations or corporations," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act to provide funds for the adequate protection of inland game, and to regulate its transportation by non-residents," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of Nelson Woodward and 35 others of Jonesport for amendment to the laws relating to the lobster fisheries as applied to Washington county, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by various subsequent acts, relating to the salary of the register of probate for the county of Somerset," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 67 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 107 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to attachments," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the hospital of the society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Me.," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Portland School for the Deaf," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to public schools," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 8, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to text books, school apparatus and repairs on school buildings."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of the town of York," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act relating to the catching of smelts in Damariscotta river," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sirois against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of game warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morris," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the resolve was laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to amend section 7, chapter 249 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate amended by House sheet "A" and Senate sheet "A," came up from the House further amended by House amendment "I" to Senate amendment "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "I" to Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
AUGUSTA, March 18, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirement of section 4 of chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,

*Secretary of State.*

"An Act relating to the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Aroostook;"

"An Act to amend section 19 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

"An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings;"

"An Act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages, and of branch libraries in towns and cities;"

"An Act to amend section 27, chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens;"

"An Act to amend sections 7, 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of venires;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the fortnightly payment of wages;'"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, presented bill "An Act in relation to the names of corporations,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented bill "An Act relating to the employment of superintendents of schools;"

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of St. Albans Grange for charter for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad Company;

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, presented resolutions of North Jay Grange favoring the granting of charter to the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad Company;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act in reference to trustees of State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented petition of Timothy Elliott and 13 others of Grant and Sheridan Post of Biddeford; of Calvin L. Hayes and 7 others of E. G. Parker Post of

Kittery; of T. W. Harford and 16 others, soldiers of Old Orchard; of John C. Haley and 18 others of Grant and Sheridan Posts of Biddeford and Saco; of Charles Goodnow and 22 others of George F. Shepley Post of Gray; of Hanon Hitchings and 14 others of G. H. Ruggles Post of Etna; of James M. Fennelly and 8 others of James M. Parker Post of Bar Harbor; of John H. Wyman and 41 others of Russell Post of Skowhegan; of Roscoe G. Holmes and 14 others of N. W. Mitchell Post of West Newfield; of Ira C. Jordan and 9 others of Brown Post of Bethel; of Charles Harris and 67 others, soldiers and sailors, of Saco and Biddeford; of Henry F. Davis and 37 others of G. H. Ruggles Post and Relief Corps of Etna; of members of Bates Post of Norridgewock;

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, presented petition of M. E. Kimball and others of Henry Rust Post of Norway;

Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, presented petition of D. B. Ellis and others of J. H. Morgan Post of Guilford;

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, presented petition of F. M. Roberts and 50 others of the Grand Army Post of Newport and vicinity;

Mr. POOR of Oxford, presented petition of Henry M. Colby and 21 others of Joseph E. Colby Post of Rumford;

Severally in favor of the Soldiers' Home at Newport;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, presented remonstrance of George H. Libby and 98 others of Portland, against appropriation for the Soldiers' Home in Maine,

Which were ordered placed on file.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to lease a connecting railroad, which may be built from Limestone." Senate Document No. 169;

"An Act relating to the crossings of the new highway in Ashland and Sheridan plantation by the Branch Track and Log Spur of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad." Senate Document No. 170;

Which bills were each read twice under suspension of the rules, on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State prison physician." Senate Document No. 171;

"An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act in relation to the municipal court of the city of Portland.'" Senate Document No. 172;

"Resolve in favor of heirs of John Robertson." Senate Document No. 173;

"Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents." Senate Document No. 174;

"An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Calais.'" Senate Document No. 175;

Which were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to protect assignees," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the expediency of changing the manner and time of the service of writs, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to having bells attached to horses drawing teams with wheels after dark, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to punish the commission of loud and boisterous noises in dwelling houses," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN from the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of John H. Leavitt and others relating to tak-

ing clams at Scarboro, with bill accompanying, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

The same senator from the same committee, on petition of Owen Wincapaw and others for a close time on clams, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

The same senator from the same committee, on petition of J. M. Powers and others from last legislature asking for a close time on clams in Deer Isle, Sedgwick and Brooklin, and bill accompanying, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. PIKE from the Committee on Towns, on petition of William Thompson and others that certain islands may be set off from the town of Jonesport and annexed to the town of Roque Bluffs, reported that the same be referred to the next legislature;

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Library, on twenty-seventh report of the librarian of the Maine State Library for the years 1895 and 1896, reported that the same be accepted;

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN from the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act to regulate the taking of clams in the towns of Phippsburg and Georgetown," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient,

Which report was read and on motion by Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, was laid on the table pending acceptance.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to punishment for intoxication," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. HURD from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Kennebec, from the Committee on Agriculture, on order relating to standard weight of bushels of parsnips, submitted bill "An Act to establish the standard weight of bushel of parsnips;"

Mr. MERRILL from the Committee on Agriculture, on "Resolve in favor of the Maine State Cattle Commission," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WALLS from the Committee on Military Affairs, on "Resolve providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipage for Company M, First Regiment, N. G. S. M., and Company M, Second Regiment, N. G. S. M.," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WYMAN from the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on report of the commissioners appointed to investigate, revise and simplify the laws relating to sea and shore fisheries, with bill accompanying, entitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to sea and shore fisheries," submitted the bill in new draft under the same title;

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

Report "A" of the Committee on the Judiciary, on "Resolve concerning an amendment to the constitution forbidding the use of money raised by taxation, for sectarian or ecclesiastical purposes," that the same ought to pass,

(Signed)

Savage,  
Drummond,  
Knowlton,  
Hamilton,  
Smith.

Report "B" of the same committee on same resolve, that the same ought not to pass,

(Signed)

Stearns,  
Philbrook,  
Weeks,  
Fogler.

The reports were read and pending acceptance of either, laid on the table to be printed on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled



‘An Act to provide for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections;’ ”

“An Act to amend section 205 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to taxes;”

Which were read the second time and passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

“An Act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company,” amended by House sheet “A;”

“Resolve in favor of building a bridge over the Daigle brook in the town of Van Buren and county of Aroostook,” amended by House sheet “A;”

“Resolve in favor of the town of Cutler for repairs on highways and bridges;”

“An Act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker,” amended by House sheet “A;”

“An Act additional to chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to inspection of buildings;”

“An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213, Special Laws of 1891, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Company;’ ”

“An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, Special Laws of 1887, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company;’ ”

“An Act to amend section 34 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the duties of municipal officers,” amended by House sheet “A;”

“An Act in relation to suits for taxes;”

“An Act relating to chapter 320 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the Kennebago Railroad Company;’ ”

“An Act to amend sections 6 and 8 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indorsements of writs;”

"An Act additional to and to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Company;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 463 of the Special and Private Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek;"

"An Act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company;"

"An Act to abate the county taxes assessed on Lang plantation since its organization and now remaining unpaid;"

"An Act to increase the efficiency of the local board of health of the town of Eden;"

"An Act to amend section 33 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes on stock of banks and other corporations;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 197 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to taking fish in Marble brook and pond;"

"An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 396 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 204 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Deer Isle Telephone Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Old Town Gas Light and Power Company;"

"An Act to amend chapter 353 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the Bluehill Water Company;"

"An Act to amend chapter 184 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Castine Water Company;' "

"An Act to repeal chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to prevent the use of narrow rimmed wheels on Greenfield road in town of Greenbush;' "

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

"An Act to amend chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Penobscot

River Dam and Improvement Company,' as amended by chapter 74 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and by chapter 482 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, and by chapter 620 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893;"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

"An Act for the better preservation of highways and commodifying public travel," amended by House sheet "A,"

Which was read the second time and Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House sheet "A," and Senate sheet "A."

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolve:

"An Act to amend section 102, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, relating to the title of State Superintendent of Schools;"

"An Act to fix the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Franklin;"

"An Act to incorporate the Franklin, Somerset and Kennebec Railway Company;"

"An Act to provide for the retirement of members of the fire department of the city of Portland upon half pay;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 580 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868, and chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relating to Swett's pond, Field's pond and Brewer's pond in Orrington;"

"Resolve in aid of Wiscasset bridge;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

Bill "An Act to incorporate the York Sewer Company," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

The report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 319 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company,'" was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

The order from the House providing that on and after Friday, the 19th instant, two sessions shall be held daily, Sundays excepted, was taken from the table and the same senator offered the following:

Substitute for House order relating to daily sessions, the following:

*Ordered*, That on and after March 19th the Senate and House hold two sessions daily, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and one session on Mondays and Saturdays, until otherwise ordered.

Which was adopted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolves in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine," came up by assignment.

On motion by Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland,

The Senate non-concurred in the action of the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve.

On motion by Mr. MORRILL, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Billings, Clason, Engel, Grindle, Hinkley, Merrill, Morrill, Parsons, Poor, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Stearns, Weeks, Witham, Wyman.—16.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Chamberlain, Hargraves, Heald, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Pike, Reynolds of Cumberland, Savage, Sharp, Walls.—11.

So it was a vote to non-concur in the action of the House.

The resolve was then read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An Act providing for the registration of guides and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to inland fish and game," came up by assignment and pending consideration,

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset,  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, March 19, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ringold of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 146 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 96 and chapter 124 of the Public Laws of 1895," (relating to the taxation of collateral inheritances;)

Bill "An Act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, No. 316, was organized;"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Rockland," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to make Pride's bridge, so called, across the Presumpscot river, in the county of Cumberland, a county bridge," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the city of Hallowell to maintain an electric plant," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to enable cities and towns to aid in procuring bondsmen for city

and town treasurers and collectors of taxes," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of Perkins plantation," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act amendatory to chapter 454, Special Laws of 1889, to transfer additional powers to the town of Gorham; also additional to chapter 216, Public Laws of 1893, to abolish School District No. 1, in the town of Gorham," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 65 of chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, relative to poor debtors," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Lubec Water Company," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Sewerage Company," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to extirpate contagious diseases among cattle,'" that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to extirpate contagious diseases among cattle,'" that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act establishing a standard measure for cream," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of Susan B. Spring and others of Harpswell for exclusive use and maintenance of her pond and dam at the Lower Narrows, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Library, on "Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library for the years 1897 and 1898," that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Special Committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, on "Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine

Insane Hospital," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve, which was then read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve that the land agent be empowered and directed to convey settlers lots in Wallagrass plantation," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An Act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate amended by sheet "A," came up from the House, that branch non-concurring in the action of the Senate, in the adoption of the amendment and rejecting the same, and passing the bill to be engrossed as reported by the committee.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

The Senate reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, rejected Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the following list of titles of public acts approved by the Governor:

"An Act to amend section 102, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the title of State Superintendent of Schools;"

"An Act to fix the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Franklin;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. WALLS of Knox, presented bill "An Act to amend section 8, chapter 24, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chap-

ter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to paupers, their settlement and support,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That session of the Senate on Saturday, March 20, 1897, be held at 9 o'clock A. M.

Read and passed.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on report of the commissioners on uniform legislation, reported that the same be referred to the next legislature;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to the expediency of the State supporting and maintaining the large bridges, reported that the same be referred to the next legislature;

The same senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act additional to section 43 of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency proceedings," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. WALLS submitted the final report of the Committee on Education;

Mr. PARSONS submitted the final report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, submitted the final report of the Committee on Military Affairs;

Mr. PARSONS from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on order relating to the expediency of granting Seward Dill of Phillips, county of Franklin, the right to create and maintain a fish pond, and of granting the said Seward Dill exclusive right to catch, kill or destroy fish in said pond for a term of five years, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. HINKLEY submitted the final report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game;

Mr. WEEKS submitted the final report of the Committee on Indian Affairs;



Mr. SHARP submitted the final report of the Committee on Labor;

Mr. PIKE submitted the final report of the Committee on Taxation;

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George W. Heselton and others that stenographers be authorized to take evidence given before the grand jury, reported that the petitions be referred to the next legislature,

Which report was read and pending acceptance was laid on the table on motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to dispense with a grand jury at the January term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Waldo and to change the time of holding the October term of said court in said county," submitted same in new draft under title of "An Act to change the time of holding the October term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Waldo;"

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act relating to the organization of certain officers of parishes and religious societies as corporations," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act amendatory of section 19 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to officers of religious societies;"

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act relating to the employment of superintendents of schools," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. MAXWELL from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of S. Cabot and others and the petition of Waldo Pettingill and others of Andover, that the throwing of sawdust and waste into the Ellis river be prohibited, submitted bill "An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis river and its tributaries;"

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend sections 4 and 5 of chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended." Senate Document No. 176;

"An Act to amend section 42 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs." Senate Document No. 177;

"An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 226 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company." Senate Document No. 178;

"Resolve for the purpose of repairing the church of the Penobscot tribe of Indians." Senate Document No. 179;

"Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson." Senate Document No. 180;

"An Act to amend chapter 118, Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics." Senate Document No. 182;

"An Act to establish the standard weight of bushel of parsnips." Senate Document No. 183;

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to punishment for intoxication." Senate Document No. 184;

Which bills and resolves were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 11, Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, 212 of the Public Laws of 1889, and 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, defining course of study in free high schools." Senate Document No. 181,

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, laid on the table.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State prison physician;"

"An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act in relation to the municipal court of the city of Portland;'"

"Resolve in favor of heirs of John Robertson;"

"An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Calais;'"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Maine;"

"Resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

"Resolve in favor of the Portland School for the Deaf;"

"An Act to amend section 67 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 107 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to attachments;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of York," amended by House sheet "A;"

Which were read the second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bill and resolves:

"An Act relating to the catching of smelts in Damariscotta river,"

Which was read the second time and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolves in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine,"

Mr. BOBERTS of Oxford moved that the vote whereby the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House in the indefinite postponement of the resolve be reconsidered, and that the motion be laid on the table and assigned for consideration on Tuesday, next,

Which was agreed to.

Mr. ROBERTS said:

At the time the vote on this resolve was taken, yesterday, I misapprehended the question. I came into the Senate Chamber while the roll was being called and understood the question to be on concurrence with the House. In accordance with that I voted "yes." But I learned afterwards that the question was on non-concurrence with the House, and I should have voted "no."

"Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading, on motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sales of land for non-payment of taxes;"

"An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property;"

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes, relating to duties of municipal officers relating to insane persons;"

"An Act to amend section 41 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river above the water works dam at Bangor;"

"An Act to amend section 11, chapter 46, of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerks of corporations;"

"An Act to provide for filling vacancies of trustees;"

"An Act in relation to the care of convicts who are sick at the expiration of sentence;"

"An Act to authorize the Maine Pulp and Paper Company to generate, sell, supply, distribute and transmit electricity for power and heating;"

"An Act to legalize the incorporation of Wales Grange, No. 40, Patrons of Husbandry;"

"An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company;"

"An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 594 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Company;'"

"An Act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation;"

"An Act to amend chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company;"

"Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol;"

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge across Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve in favor of a road in Jerusalem plantation;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM, of Cumberland,

Bill "An Act to amend section 8, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to text books, school apparatus and repairs on school buildings," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act providing for the registration of guides and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to inland fish and game," came up by assignment.

Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, offered amendments "A" and "B," which were both rejected.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis,

The rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 12 o'clock, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate took a recess until 3.30 o'clock P. M.

3.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether the Secretary of the board of cattle commission has entered into a bond with the State of Maine, in accordance with section 11, chapter 177, of the Public Laws of 1889, and report the facts in relation to the same to the legislature.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

Bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 9 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ways," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to legalize and confirm the doings of Riverside Cemetery Association," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to legalize the acts of Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish;"

Mr. MERRILL from the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act for the better protection of sheep,'" submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep;"

Which reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

Bill "An Act to establish wards and ward lines in the city of Augusta," came up from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee,

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
Reports "A" and "B" of the Committee on the Judiciary, on  
"Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution forbid-  
ding the use of money raised by taxation for sectarian or  
ecclesiastical purposes," were assigned for consideration on  
Wednesday next.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and  
strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 40 of Revised Stat-  
utes, as amended by chapter 260 of Public Laws of 1885, and by  
subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof,  
relating to migratory fish and fish ways;"

"An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays  
which are not bank holidays;"

"An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State  
aid to make report to the State Superintendent of Public  
Schools, who shall publish the same as a part of his annual  
report;"

"An Act to authorize the county commissioners of Cumber-  
land county to negotiate a loan for the payment of land dam-  
ages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest  
avenue, in the city of Deering, in said county;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Reform School;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Peru;"

"Resolve in favor of the executors of the will of Cyrus Cole;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the  
resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been  
signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the  
Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

The vote was reconsidered whereby bill "An Act to amend  
chapter 184 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled  
'An Act to incorporate the Castine Water Company,' " passed to  
be engrossed and the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 20, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Snyder of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Petition of Charles Sinnott and 15 others in favor of granting charter to the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad Company,

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 221 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, which is an act to incorporate the Long Pond Dam Company,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the compensation of State Superintendent of Common Schools and his clerk,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the correction of errors in proceedings for collection of taxes," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the committee.

The report was read and accepted and recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 255 of the Public Laws of 1885," (relating to pleas in municipal courts,) that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to regulate the employment of legislative counsel and agents, and to provide for returns of legislative expenses," that the same ought not to pass.



Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of E. M. Steadman and 54 others of Portland and numerous other petitioners from various towns in Aroostook county, that in cases of voluntary insolvency no discharge shall be granted except in cases where a dividend of 50 per cent. is paid, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Moses Hawkins and others that an act be passed giving them the power to supply the town of Sullivan with pure water, that the petition be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to abolish imprisonment for debt," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act regulating the use of bicycles by the municipal officers of towns," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to the expediency of amending the insolvent law so that no discharge shall be granted except in cases where a dividend is paid, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on "Resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at Portland," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on report of Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, that the same be accepted.

Report of the same committee on petition of the 17th Maine Regiment Association and 3d Army Corps Union, for the erection of a monument to the memory of Major General Hiram G. Berry, that the petitions be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Lake Onawa Dam Company," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of J. S. Runnals and others, that the throwing of refuse into Wilson river be prohibited, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of Mary A. Dunham and others that a certain parcel of land with buildings thereon, situated in the town of Bethel, be set off from said Bethel and annexed to the town of Mason, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act amendatory of chapter 65 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to State taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as wild lands," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act authorizing abatement of poll taxes to certain soldiers of the late war," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act additional relating to the Bath municipal court," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A," as follows: Amend by inserting in the title to the act, after the word "to," the following: "the appointment of a recorder for."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and Monday assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act for the promotion of medical education and the prevention of unauthorized uses of and traffic in dead human bodies," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "C."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and Monday assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mortgaging of ward's estate by guardian," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Monday assigned for the second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes," sub-

mitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by House sheet "A," as follows: Amend by inserting in the title of the act after the word "statutes," the following : "relating to probate courts."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment adopted and Monday assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine," submitting the same in new draft under title of "Resolve in favor of Children's Aid Society of Maine."

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland, Maine," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes as now amended, relating to the public schools," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 3, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children," came from the House amended by sheets "A" and "B."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes, as now

amended, relating to public schools," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act additional to section 104, chapter II, of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to the duties of the State Superintendent of Schools."

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolves each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on order relating to general railroad law, submitting bill "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 268 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to regulate the organization and control of street railroads, ' " came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted and on motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act to amend sections 59, 60, 61 and 62 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend sections 59, 60 and 61 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on "Resolve in aid of the Maine Gettysburg Commission," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in favor of breakwater at Mattawamkeag bridge," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on "Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dickey brook in Frenchville in the county of Aroostook," that the same ought to pass,

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and on motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on "Resolve in favor of an appropriation to J. F. Gerrity and Company of Bangor," submitting the same in new draft under title of "Resolve in favor of purchase and distribution of photographic views."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 182 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A," as follows: Amend the title by adding after "1891," the words, "referring to Bunganeaut pond," and by sheet "B," as follows: Amend by inserting in the title of the act after the figures "1891," the following: "Relating to the taking of fish from Bunganeaut pond."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted and Monday assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to regulate the salary of the county attorney of Hancock county," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate in the county of Piscataquis," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Cumberland," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Mars Hill and Blaine Water Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act relating to instruction in the use of tools and in cooking in public schools," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheets "A" and "B," and indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on bill "An Act to repeal acts incorporating the town of Maxfield," that the same ought to pass, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Which several reports were read and accepted and the bills indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of E. R. Michaud and others that aid be granted in blasting a ledge in highway in town of Frenchville, submitting "Resolve in favor of aid in blasting ledge in town of Frenchville in Aroostook county," came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, the resolve was laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of fires and the publication of statistics relating to the same," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill "An Act to regulate the packing of sardines," came up from the House further amended by House sheet "G."

The votes whereby the bills passed to be engrossed were reconsidered, the House amendments were adopted and the bills passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, amended by Senate amendments "A" and "B," came up from the House, that branch rejecting the Senate amendments and passing the bill to be engrossed as amended by House sheet "A."

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "An Act for the better preservation of highways and commodious public travel," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, amended by House sheet "A" and Senate sheet "A," came up from the House further amended by House sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the sum of forty dollars be paid Miss Sybil A. Howe for services as stenographer during session of 1897.

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the session of the Senate on Monday next be held at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Cattle Commission."  
Senate Document No. 185;

"Resolves providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipment for Company M, First Regiment, N. G. S. M., and Company M, Second Regiment, N. G. S. M." Senate Document No. 186;

"An Act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Company." Senate Document No. 187;

"An Act to legalize the acts of Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish." Senate Document No. 190;

Which bills were each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to sea and shore fisheries." Senate Document No. 189,

Which bill was read once and Mr. WYMAN of Washington, offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted, and Monday assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 67, section 35 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the adoption of children," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. MAXWELL from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act relating to State and county taxes on organized plantations," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. WITHAM submitted the final report of the Committee on Temperance.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act concerning the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners."

Which report was read and accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend sections four and five of chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended;"

"An Act to amend section 42 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs;"



"An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 226 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company;"

"Resolve for the purpose of repairing the church of the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson;"

"An Act to amend chapter 118, Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics;"

"An Act to establish the standard weight of bushel of parsnips;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to punishment for intoxication;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve that the land agent be empowered and directed to convey settlers lots in Wallagrass plantation,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following resolve:

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading, and Monday next assigned for its consideration on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolve:

"An Act to extend an act, entitled 'An Act to supply the people of South Gardiner village in the city of Gardiner, with pure water;'"

"An Act to incorporate the Lamoine Beach Water Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power;"

"An Act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company;"

"An Act to amend an act incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Kittery and Eliot Street Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of the same across navigable tide waters;"

"An Act to amend section one, chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, relating to the taxation of plantations Letter E, 27, Franklin, E, Franklin county and Lang, 45, Franklin, 2, Range 3, West Bingham's Kennebec Purchase;"

"An Act to amend chapter 506 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Deering,' as amended by chapter 439 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 633 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and by chapter 238 of Private and Special Laws of 1895;"

"An Act to establish the Maine Polyclinic;"

"An Act to incorporate the Machias Lake Dam and Improvement Company;"

"Resolves in favor of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolve was finally passed, in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, bill "An Act to amend chapter 184 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Castine Water Company,'" was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 22, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Struthers of Gardiner.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

"Resolve to repair the block house at Fort Kent,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 54 of chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to service of criminal warrants by constables," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the relief of poor debtors," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 127 of the Public Laws of 1895," (relating to the duties of the commissioner and wardens of sea and shore fisheries,) that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the new city hall commission of Waterville, under the name of the City Hall Commission," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to election of town officers," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to establish the Sanford municipal court," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

Which reports were read and accepted, the bills read once, House amendments adopted, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended, the bills were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Portland and Yarmouth Electric Railway Company, and enable it to cross navigable tide waters," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend sections 3 and 8 of chapter 86 and section 17 of chapter 81, Revised Statutes, relating to the service of trustee writs," that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Oxford Light Company," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to give to the Oxford Light Company certain powers not granted by the general law," came from the House amended by sheet "B."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence and on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on "Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses on bill "An Act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland and Oxford counties to aid in the construction of its railway," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland county to aid in the construction of its railway."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, offered amendments "A" and "B," which were adopted and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on "Resolve providing for the collection of the necessary data for a history of the Maine troops in the War of the Rebellion, and for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office," submitting the same in new draft under title of "Resolve providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office."

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on "Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysburg Commission," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of C. M. Hill and others that aid be granted in repairing and maintaining Babbitt ridge road in town of Moscow, submitting "Resolve in favor of granting aid in repairing and maintaining Babbitt ridge road in town of Moscow."

Report of the Committee on Reform School, on "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An Act additional to chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from

the House amended by sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "A," was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

"Resolves in favor of the city of Calais," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the rules were suspended, the resolves were read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a list of the public acts approved by the Governor, as follows:

"An Act to amend section 41 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river above the water works dam at Bangor;"

"An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sales of land for non-payment of taxes;"

"An Act in relation to the care of convicts who are sick at the expiration of sentence;"

"An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays which are not bank holidays;"

"An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 40 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 260 of the Public Laws of 1885, and by subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, relating to migratory fish and fishways;"

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes, relating to duties of municipal officers relative to insane persons;"

"An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property;"

"An Act to amend section 11, chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerks of corporations;"

"An Act to provide for filling vacancies of trustees;"

"An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports to the State superintendent of public schools, who shall publish the same as a part of his annual report;"

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, presented bill "An Act relating to suits on promissory notes,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented bill "An Act to correct a clerical error in an act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings, approved March 17, 1897, and being chapter 232 of the Public Laws of 1897."

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules on motion by same senator and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That at each afternoon session hereafter, the calendar of matters "tabled and unassigned," be called for the further disposition of said matters.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company." Senate Document No. 191;

An Act to change the time of holding the October term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Waldo." Senate Document No. 192;

"An Act to amend chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep." Senate Document No. 193;

"An Act relating to the employment of superintendents of schools." Senate Document No. 194;

"An Act amendatory of section 19 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to officers of religious societies." Senate Document No. 195;

"An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887 as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners." Senate Document No. 197;

Which several bills were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis river and its tributaries." Senate Document No. 196,

Which was laid on the table pending first reading on motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to repeal section 3 of chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895," (relating to the incorporation and control of telegraph companies and telephone companies,) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. ROBERTS from the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend sections 6 and 119 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the manner of assessment of common school fund," reported that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Mr. FERGUSON from the Committee on Insane Hospital, on bill "An Act in reference to the chronic insane," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The same senator from the same committee, on reports of the trustees, resident officers, and the visiting committee of the Maine Insane Hospital, reported that the same be accepted.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN submitted the final report of the Committee on Towns.

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

"Resolves providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipage for Company M, First Regiment, N. G. S. M., and Company M, Second Regiment, N. G. S. M."



"An Act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Company;"

"An Act to legalize the acts of Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Children's Aid Society of Maine;"

"An Act additional relating to the appointment of a recorder for the Bath municipal court." (Amended by House sheet "A;")

"Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago;"

"Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland, Me.;"

"Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum;"

"An Act additional to section 104, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to the duties of the State superintendent of schools;"

"Resolve in aid of the Maine Gettysburg Commission;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield;"

"Resolve in favor of breakwater at Mattawamkeag bridge;"

"An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate in the county of Piscataquis;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

"An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mortgaging of ward's estate by guardians;"

"An Act to amend sections 59, 60 and 61 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies;"

"An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to probate courts." (Amended by House sheet "A;")

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to sea and shore fisheries," (amended by Senate sheet "A;")

Which was read the second time and Mr. WYMAN of Washington offered amendments "B," "C" and "D," which were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendments "A," "B," "C" and "D."

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act for the promotion of medical education and the prevention of unauthorized uses of and traffic in dead human bodies," (amended by House sheet "C.")

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, offered amendment "A," and pending consideration of same the bill and the amendment were laid on the table on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

"An Act to regulate the salary of the county attorney of Hancock county,"

Which was read the second time and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, laid on the table.

"An Act to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Cumberland,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot.

"Resolve in favor of purchase and distribution of photographic views,"

Which was laid on the table pending second reading on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Cattle Commission."

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, offered amendment "A," and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the resolve and amendment were laid on the table and the amendment ordered printed.

"An Act to repeal chapter 182 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, referring to Bunganeaut pond," (amended by House sheet "A,")

Which was read the second time, House amendment "B," adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendments "A" and "B" in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

“An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 277 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the time of holding the September term of the supreme judicial court, Piscataquis county;”

“An Act relating to the holding of terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county;”

“An Act to amend section 34 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the duties of municipal officers;”

“An Act to amend section 67 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 107 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to attachments;”

“An Act to amend sections 6 and 8 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indorsement of writs;”

“An Act in relation to suits for taxes;”

“An Act additional to chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to inspection of buildings;”

“An Act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways;”

“An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine;”

“An Act providing for the registration of guides and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to inland fish and game;”

“An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 268 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled ‘An Act to regulate the organization and control of street railroads;’”

“An Act to enable the county of Sagadahoc to rebuild the Merrymeeting bay bridge, to issue bonds therefor, and to make it and Arrowsic bridge free;”

“An Act to abate the county taxes assessed on Lang plantation since its organization, and now remaining unpaid;”

“An Act to amend section 33 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes on stock of banks and other corporations;”

"An Act to establish bank holidays and to abolish days of grace on commercial paper;"

"An Act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker;"

"An Act to amend section 8, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to text books, school apparatus and repairs on school buildings;"

"An Act to amend section 76 of chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish and fisheries;'"

"An Act to amend section 7, chapter 249 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters;"

"An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to dyke in town of Milbridge;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 463 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 197 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to taking fish in Marble brook and pond;"

"An Act to repeal chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to prevent the use of narrow rimmed wheels on Greenfield road in town of Greenbush;'"

"An Act to incorporate the Old Town Gas Light and Power Company;"

"An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company;'"

"An Act additional to and to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Company;"

"An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213, Special Laws of 1891 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Company;'"

"An Act relating to chapter 320 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kennebago Railroad Company;'"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company;"

"An Act to amend chapter 353 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the Bluehill Water Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company;"

"An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 396 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 204 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Deer Isle Telephone Company;"

"An Act to increase the efficiency of the local board of health of the town of Eden;"

"Resolve in favor of the Hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Me.;"

"Resolve accepting the legacy to the State of Maine by the will of Joseph H. Williams of Augusta, for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital;"

"Resolve in favor of building a bridge over the Daigle brook in the town of Van Buren and county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Cutler for repairs on highways and bridges;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of York;"

"Resolve in favor of Freedom Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of the Portland School for the Deaf;"

"Resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, bill "An Act to provide funds for the protection of the inland game of the State," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act in regard to the right of exceptions," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitting bill "An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries," was taken from the table, the report accepted, bill read once, and the same senator offered amendments "A," "B" and "C," which were adopted, and on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act to amend chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company,' as amended by chapter 74 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and by chapter 482 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889 and by chapter 620 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, bill "An Act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Company," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries on petitions of Charles E. Patten and others of Bath, A. M. Spear and others of Gardiner and others, that no smelts be taken in the Kennebec river or its tributaries except with hook and line, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was taken from the table and the report of the committee accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers," which came from the House recommitted to the committee, was taken from the table and recommitted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, bill "An Act to amend section 3, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children," was taken from the table, House amendment "A" adopted, House amendment "B," rejected, and on motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, the bill was laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," came up by assignment, and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was laid on the table to be printed and to-morrow assigned for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington,  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, March 23, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Parsons of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

That there shall be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the executive council, a commission whose duty it shall be to ascertain as to the desirability of establishing new normal schools in eastern or central Maine, and the most advantageous place for said schools.

Said commission shall report their doings to the next legislature, and serve without pay, except that they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 134 of the Revised Statutes, relating to criminal appeal,"

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act authorizing and directing the treasurer of Franklin county to refund certain money to Perkins Plantation,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to legalize the organization of the plantation of Swan Island," that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the Bath Gas and Electric Company to issue additional bonds," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll and railway bridges across the St. John river," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll bridges across the St. John River."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing the town of Lebanon to contract with the city of Rochester, New Hampshire, to supply the village of Lebanon with water for fire and domestic use," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing the county commissioners of York county to locate and establish a highway over and across the tide waters of Webhannet river in Wells," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act authorizing the construction of a townway or highway over and across the tide waters of Webhannet river in Wells."

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.



Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the cities of Biddeford and Saco," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to public schools," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act repealing section 87, chapter 11, Revised Statutes, and acts amendatory thereto, and substituting therefor an additional section to said chapter, regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents," came from the House amended by sheets "A" and "B."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 116 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the schooling of children in unorganized townships," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend section 45 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of milk," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on communication of the Governor relating to the ceremonies concerning the formal transfer of the Grant monument to the city of New York, submitting "Resolve providing for the expenses of the

Governor and staff while attending the ceremonies relating to the formal transfer of the Grant monument to the city of New York."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Taxation, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 65 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act in relation to State taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as wild lands,' " that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve each once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The order "That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the necessity of amending section 113 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, so as to make the railroad commissioners elective instead of appointive, and also to provide an appeal from their decision to the supreme judicial court, and report by bill or otherwise," which was passed by the Senate amended by striking out the words "legal affairs" and inserting the words "Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses," came up from the House that branch insisting on its action in passing the order in its original form.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the Senate insisted on its action.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, presented petition of S. C. Murphy and 9 others, members of Knowles Post of Ashland; of William S. Leavitt and 8 others of W. S. Hancock Post of Island Falls; of F. M. Caldwell and 16 others of Ashbury Caldwell Post of Sherman, severally in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine.

Which were ordered placed on file.

On motion by Mr. SIMPSON of Hancock,

*Ordered*, That the report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on "Resolve requesting the senators and representatives

in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at Portland," that the same ought not to pass, be taken from the files and recommitted to the committee.

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That after this date, the forenoon sessions of the Senate be held at 9 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Which was read and passed.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act in relation to the names of corporations," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of J. S. Williamson and others that suitable homeopathic medical treatment be provided at the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, reported that the petition be referred to the next legislature.

Mr. FERGUSON from the Committee on Insane Hospital, on report of the committee appointed to take into consideration chapter 121 of the resolves of the legislature of 1895, reported that the same be accepted.

Mr. FERGUSON submitted the final report of the Committee on Reform School.

Mr. BILLINGS submitted the final report of the Committee on State Prison.

Mr. GRINDLE submitted the final report of the Committee on Mines and Mining.

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to change the time of holding the October term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Waldo;"

"An Act to amend chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep;"

"An Act relating to the employment of superintendents of schools;"

"An Act amendatory of section 19 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to officers of religious societies;"

"An Act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland county to aid in the construction of its railway." (amended by Senate sheets "A" and "B,")

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School;"

"Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysburg Commission;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Portland and Yarmouth Electric Railway Company, and enable it to cross navigable tide waters;"

"Resolve providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office;"

"Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute;"

"Resolve in favor of granting aid in repairing and maintaining Babbitt Ridge road in town of Moscow;"

"An Act to incorporate the New City Hall Commission of Waterville under the name of the City Hall Commission;"

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to election of town officers," (amended by House sheet "A;")

"An Act to amend sections 3 and 8 of chapter 86, and section 17 of chapter 81, Revised Statutes, relating to the service of trustee writs;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same committee reported the following bills:

"An Act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company,"

Which was read the second time and on motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, laid on the table.

"An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners."

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, offered amendment "A," and pending consideration the bill was laid on the table on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend sections 6 and 9 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ways;"

"An Act to amend section 205 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to taxes;"

"An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2, chapter 18 of the Public Laws of 1891, and to amend section 5 of chapter 58 of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the board of agriculture;"

"An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of fires, and the publication of statistics relating to the same;"

"An Act to regulate the packing of sardines;"

"An Act relating to the catching of smelts in Damariscotta river;"

"An Act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to lease a connecting railroad, which may be built from Limestone;"

"An Act relating to the crossings in the new highway in Ashland and Sheridan plantation by the branch track and log spur of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad;"

"An Act to incorporate the York Sewer Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company;"

"Resolve that the land agent be empowered and directed to convey settlers lots in Wallagrass plantation;"

“Resolve in favor of an appropriation to aid in erecting a high school building in the town of Frenchville in the county of Aroostook;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill “An Act to amend chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the taxation of savings banks,” came up by assignment, was read the second time, and passage to be engrossed refused.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Billings, Chamberlain, Clason, Grindle, Hinkley, Hurd, Morrill, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Walls, Witham, Wyman—12.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Engel, Hargraves, Heald, Maxwell, McCullough, Merrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Simpson, Stearns, Weeks—15.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, stated that he was paired with Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland; he (Mr. SAVAGE) would vote nay and Mr. DRUMMOND would vote yea.

So it was not a vote to pass the bill to be engrossed.

The motion to reconsider the vote non-concurring in the action of the House in the indefinite postponement of “Resolve in favor of the Soldiers’ Home in Maine,” came up by assignment and reconsideration was refused.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Chamberlain, Hargraves, Heald, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Pike, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Savage, Sharp, Simpson, Walls—13.

Those who voted in the negative were,  
Messrs. Billings, Clason, Engel, Grindle, Hinkley, Merrill, Morrill, Parsons, Poor, Reynolds of Cumberland, Salley, Stearns, Weeks, Witham—14.

So it was not a vote to reconsider the action.

The resolve was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital,” came up by assignment and Senate amendment “A,” offered by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, was adopted.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,  
Messrs. Billings, Clason, Engel, Ferguson, Grindle, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, Morrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Savage, Sharp, Simpson, Stearns, Weeks, Witham—22.

Those who voted in the negative were,  
Messrs. Chamberlain, Hargraves, McCullough, Merrill, Salley, Walls, Wyman—7.

And amendment “A” was adopted.

The resolve was then read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. POOR of Oxford,  
Bill “An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, relating to division fences,” was taken from the table, House amendment “A” was adopted and Mr. POOR offered Senate amendment “A,” which was adopted. The bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,  
Bill “An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 11, Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, 212 of the Public Laws of 1889 and 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, defining course of study in free high schools,” was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland,

Bill "An Act to amend section 3, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children," was taken from the table and the same senator offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House sheet "A" and Senate sheet "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

At 11.55 A. M., on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate took a recess until 3.30 P. M.

3.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York; amending section 54, chapter 80, of the Revised Statutes;"

Bill "An Act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property, the title to which is disputed;"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff," came up by assignment and Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, offered amendment "A," which was adopted.

The bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Billings, Chamberlain, Ferguson, Grindle, McCullough, Merrill, Morrill, Parsons, Poor, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Simpson, Walls, Witham, Wyman—17.



Those who voted in the negative were,  
Messrs. Engel, Hargraves, Heald, Hurd, Maxwell, Pike, Reynolds of Cumberland, Savage, Stearns—9.

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, stated that he was paired with Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland; he (Mr. CLASON) would vote yea and Mr. DRUMMOND would vote nay.

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford,

Bill "An Act to give to the Oxford Light Company certain powers not granted by the general law," was taken from the table, read once, House amendment adopted, and on motion by same senator the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor, requesting the return to the Senate of House Document No. 242, entitled "An Act to regulate the packing of sardines,"

Which was read and passed and the Secretary conveyed the message, subsequently reporting that the bill had been returned to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN, the votes whereby the bill passed to be enacted and to be engrossed were reconsidered, and the same senator offered Senate amendment "C," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland,

The vote whereby bill "An Act to amend section 3, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children," was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, and on further motion by the same senator the vote whereby Senate amendment "A" was adopted was reconsidered and the amendment withdrawn. The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A."

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee on Library, on "Resolve in favor of continuing the publication of York deeds," submitted

the same in new draft under title of "Resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of the York deeds."

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act in reference to trustees of State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted and the bill and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the final report of the Committee on Federal Relations;

Mr. ROBERTS submitted the final report of the Committee on Library;

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Under a call of the calendar as provided for in the order adopted yesterday, the following matters were taken from the table:

Bill "An Act to incorporate Newfield Academy,"

Which was indefinitely postponed on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act relating to the use of compressed air for power,"

Which was indefinitely postponed on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot.

"*Ordered*, That, the Senate concurring, all committees are directed to report finally on or before Friday, the 19th instant,"

To which Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin offered the following amendment:

"Amend order relating to reports of committees by striking out all after the word "Committees" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Except the Committee on Financial Affairs be directed to report finally on or before Thursday, March 25, instant."

The amendment was adopted and the order passed as amended.

"Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sirois against the State for

services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morris,"

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,

The vote whereby the resolve passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "A" was adopted, House amendment "B" rejected, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A."

The report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on bill "An Act to regulate the taking of clams in the towns of Phippsburg and Georgetown," that legislation thereon is inexpedient, as the present law is sufficient,

Which report was accepted.

"Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George W. Heselton and others that stenographers be authorized to take evidence given before the grand jury, that the petitions be referred to the next legislature.

Which report was accepted.

Bill "An Act to regulate the salary of the county attorney of Hancock county;"

Bill "An Act to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Cumberland;"

Which were recommitted to the Committee on Salaries on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on "Resolve for the preserving the block house of Fort Kent," that the same ought not to pass.

Which was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "An Act fixing the salaries of county and State officers for a period of years,"

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of aid in blasting ledge in town of Frenchville in Aroostook county,"

Which was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dickey brook in Frenchville in the county of Aroostook,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act for the promotion of medical education and the prevention of unauthorized uses of and traffic in dead human bodies,"

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, withdrew amendment "A." The bill was then read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "C" in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook,"

Which was assigned for consideration on Friday next, on motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to secure the better observance of the Lord's day,"

Which was assigned for consideration on Thursday next, on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act additional to section 88 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to returns of town superintendents,"

Which was retabled on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor,"

Which was assigned for consideration on Friday next, on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State cattle commission,"

Which was assigned for consideration on Thursday next, on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot.

"Resolve in favor of purchase and distribution of photographic views,"

Which was assigned for consideration on Friday next, on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln.

Paper from the House:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property the title to which is disputed," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table to be printed.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cochran of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relative to flags upon public buildings and school houses," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 146 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 96 and chapter 124 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the taxation of collateral inheritances," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act providing for the support of the chronic insane by the State after twenty years residence at the Insane Hospital," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on communication relating to the independence of Cuba, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on communication relating to arbitration with Great Britain, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of Samuel L. Lord and others, and Carlos Heard and others, praying that section 41 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes be amended, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act relating to the compensation of State Superintendent of Common Schools and his clerk," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on order to inquire into the expediency of investigating as to readjustment of the salaries of the judges and registers of probate in the various counties relative to probate proceedings, and also what salaries in addition they should receive for services in insolvency matters, in case the fee system, so far as it relates to those officers, should be abolished, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of a majority of the Committee on Labor, on bill "An Act relating to the hours of labor of minors and women employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments," that the same ought not to pass,

(Signed)

H. C. Sharp,  
C. S. Witham,  
Olcott B. Poor, of the Senate,  
H. B. Pratt,  
C. E. Edmunds,  
A. J. Ames,  
A. H. Burse,  
F. H. Purinton of the House.

Report of a minority of the same committee, on same bill, that the same ought to pass,

(Signed)

Frederick M. O'Neil.

Came from the House majority report accepted.

The reports were read and the majority report was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to prevent the use of diseased meat for domestic purposes," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to prevent the use of diseased meat for food purposes."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 23 of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of J. B. Pinkham and others of Harpswell Neck, asking for a village corporation, submitting bill "An Act to incorporate the Harpswell Village Corporation."

Which reports were read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended, the bills were each read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Company of Brewer, Maine, to transact business within the city of Brewer," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and pending acceptance laid on the table on motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes as now amended, relating to the public schools," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to election, qualification and compensation of school committees," came from the House amended by sheets "A" and "B."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendments "A" and "B" adopted, and on motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend section 112 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 37 of the Public Laws of 1891, and by chapter 121 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to normal schools and the Madawaska Training School," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to permit the Patten and Sherman Railroad Company to sell or lease its road," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act additional to the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and on motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised



Statutes, relating to mutual fire insurance companies," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act additional to the act incorporating the Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "An Act relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once, and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and on motion by same senator the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheets "A" and "B," amending the title to read as follows: "An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1887, and to chapter 274 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to loan and building associations."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendments "A" and "B" adopted, and tomorrow assigned for the second reading of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to amend sections 11 and 14 in chapter 58, relating to agricultural societies," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "An Act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds," submitting the same in

new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted, and Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the bill was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 171 of the Private and Special Laws of 1872, of chapter 137 of Private and Special Laws of 1866, of chapter 569 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, of chapter 161 of Private and Special Laws of 1895; of chapter 55 of Private and Special Laws of 1887; of chapter 266 of Private and Special Laws of 1895, of chapter 142 of Private and Special Laws of 1887, of chapter 183 of Private and Special Laws of 1887, of chapter 46 of Private and Special Laws of 1878, of chapter 347 of Private and Special Laws of 1877, of chapter 261 of Private and Special Laws of 1849, of chapter 574 of Private and Special Laws of 1893, and other obsolete laws, relating to close time for fishing on the public waters of the State," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to repeal certain old and obsolete Private and Special Laws relating to close time for fishing in the public waters of the State," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and on motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 30 and chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to inland fisheries and game," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, the rules were suspended, the bill read the

second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of B. R. Blackstone and 29 others that the plantation of Perham be incorporated as a town, submitting bill "An Act to incorporate the town of Perham."

Which report was read and accepted, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of Thomas S. Golder and 13 others that a part of Rome be set off and the same annexed to Belgrade, submitting bill "An Act to set off a part of the town of Rome and annex the same to the town of Belgrade."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the rules were suspended, the bill read twice and on motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of John Watson and 80 others of Houlton, and others, that certain amendments be made to chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, known as the insolvency law, and that the fees payable to judges and registers of insolvency shall be turned into the treasuries of the counties and that in lieu of said fees said judges and registers shall receive from the counties certain fixed and liberal salaries, submitting bill "An Act relating to the salaries of judges and registers of courts of insolvency," came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to increase the efficiency of free high schools and equalize the amount of State aid for preparatory schools," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act amending section 28 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, and section 31 of said chapter 11 as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, chapter 212 of the Public Laws of 1889, and chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to free high schools," came from the

House amended by sheets "A" and "B," and indefinitely postponed.

The reports were read and accepted and the bills indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Steamboat Company," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Improvement and Navigation Company," came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "An Act to change the time of holding the October and January terms of the supreme judicial court in the county of Washington," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

The bill was read once and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and on motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill "An Act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by House sheet "B" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill "An Act to amend paragraph 4, of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of estate and property of religious societies," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The votes whereby the bills and resolve passed to be engrossed were reconsidered, the House amendments were adopted, and the bills and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to provide for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections,'" which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the Senate insisted on its action and asked a committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Clason of Kennebec,  
Reynolds of Cumberland,  
Walls of Knox.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to establish wards and ward lines in the city of Augusta," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill "An Act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The votes whereby the bills were passed to be engrossed were reconsidered, the House amendments were adopted, and the bills passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a list of the titles of public acts approved by the Governor, as follows:

"An Act in relation to suits for taxes;"

"An Act to amend section 7, chapter 249, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters;"

"An Act to amend section 33 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes on stock of banks and other corporations;"

"An Act additional to chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to inspection of buildings;"

"An Act to amend sections 6 and 8 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the indorsement of writs;"

"An Act to amend section 34 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the duties of municipal officers;"

"An Act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker;"

"An Act to amend section 76 of chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fish and fisheries;' "

"An Act to amend section 47 of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 277 of the Public Laws of 1889, in relation to the time of holding the September term of the supreme judicial court, Piscataquis county;"

"An Act to establish bank holidays and to abolish days of grace on commercial paper;"

"An Act to amend section 8, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to text books, school apparatus and repairs on school buildings;"

"An Act to amend section 67 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 107 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to attachments;"

"An Act providing for the registration of guides, and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to inland fish and game;"

"An Act in relation to accidents upon railroads and street railways;"

"An Act relating to the holding of terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county;"

"An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the poultry industry in Maine;"

"An Act to amend section 4 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2, chapter 18, of the Public Laws of 1891, and to amend section 5 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the board of agriculture;"

"An Act to provide for the investigation of the causes of fires and the publication of statistics relating to the same;"

"An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 268 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to regulate the organization and control of street railroads;'"

Which was read and sent down.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the adjutant general for the year ending December 31, 1896.

The communication was read and on motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox, the report was accepted.

Mr. CLASON from the Committee of Conference, on bill "An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of laws of 1889, in relation to the sale of pressed hay," reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed)	Clason,
	Merrill,
	Roberts, of the Senate,
	W. Dickey,
	E. S. Goodrich, of the House.

Which report was read and accepted.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to divide the town of Mechanic Falls into two voting precincts," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act relating to street railroads," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient, as the object sought for can be obtained under the general law.

The same senator from the same committee, on order of the legislature relating to unjust discrimination in tolls and charges between patrons of telegraph and telephone companies, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. HURD submitted the final report of the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. MAXWELL submitted the final report of the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. STEARNS submitted the final report of the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. PARSONS submitted the final report of the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to suits on promissory notes," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to regulate the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counselors, to provide for a board of examiners and to repeal conflicting acts," reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve:

"An Act to amend chapter 116 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the schooling of children in unorganized townships;"

"An Act to authorize the Bath Gas and Electric Company to issue additional bonds;"

"An Act to amend section 45 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of milk;"

"An Act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Company;"

"Resolve providing for the expenses of the Governor and Staff while attending the ceremonies relating to the formal transfer of the Grant monument to the city of New York;"

"An Act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll bridges across the St. John river;"



"An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the cities of Biddeford and Saco;"

"An Act authorizing the town of Lebanon to contract with the city of Rochester, New Hampshire, to supply the village of Lebanon with water for fire and domestic use;"

"An Act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary;"

"An Act to amend chapter 65 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act in relation to State taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as wild lands;'"

"An Act authorizing the construction of a townway or highway over and across the tide waters of Webhannet river in Wells;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Reports "A" and "B," of the Committee on the Judiciary, on "Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution forbidding the use of money raised by taxation, for sectarian or ecclesiastical purposes," came up by assignment and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, report "B," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Billings, Engel, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Simpson, Stearns, Wyman—18.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Chamberlain, Ferguson, Hinkley, Merrill, Morrill, Reynolds of Cumberland, Savage, Walls, Witham—9.

So report "B" was accepted.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, "Resolve in favor of the Maine State Cattle Commission," was taken from the table, and the vote whereby the same was assigned for consideration to-morrow was reconsidered, Senate amendment "A" adopted, the resolve read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act for the better preservation of highways and commodifying public travel," was taken from the table and the vote whereby the same passed to be engrossed reconsidered. Mr. SAVAGE offered Senate amendment "B," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendments "A" and "B," and Senate amendments "A" and "B."

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin, bill "An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis river and its tributaries," was taken from the table, read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act additional to section 88 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to returns of town superintendents," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A" in concurrence.

At 10.30 A. M., on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

### 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to prevent the reproduction of prize fights by photographs;"

Bill "An Act to prevent any exhibitions in the State of Maine of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill at Carson City, through the agency of the kinetoscope;"

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Henry Dawson and 11 others of E. M. Billings Post, Monroe, in favor of Maine Soldiers' Home,

Which was ordered placed on file in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," came up from the House, that branch insisting on its action, and asking a committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Smith of Presque Isle,  
Hill of Portland,  
Fogler of Rockland.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate insisted on its action and joined the committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Engel of Penobscot,  
Savage of Androscoggin,  
Heald of Kennebec.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted and on motion by Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House amendment adopted, and on motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act relating to the Portland Railroad Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine," came up from the House, that branch insisting on its action and asking a committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Murray of Pembroke,  
Rounds of Paris,  
Shaw of Saco.

On motion by Mr. MORRILL of Cumberland, the Senate insisted on its action and joined the committee, appointing:

Messrs. Morrill of Cumberland,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Grindle of Hancock.

Report of a majority of the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, on bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,' " that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) W. E. Parsons,  
A. J. Billings,  
Tilson D. Salley, of the Senate,  
A. V. Martin,  
R. H. Reed,  
E. L. Houghton,  
A. L. Talbot,  
Thos. Searles, of the House.

Report of a minority of the same committee on same bill, that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) J. M. Hutchins,  
A. C. Day.

Came from the House, majority report accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for their consideration.

Report of the House Committee on Ways and Means, on order relating to the rate necessary for the assessment of the State tax for the years 1897 and 1898, submitting the following order:

That the State assessors be directed to assess the State tax for the years 1897 and 1898 on the valuation as established by

the said assessors for said years, at the rate of two and three-fourths mills on the dollar for each of the said years 1897 and 1898.

The report was read and accepted and the order read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec, bill "An Act to set off a part of the town of Rome and annex the same to the town of Belgrade," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, bill "An Act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, bill "An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, bill "An Act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company," was taken from the table, the same senator withdrew Senate amendment "A" and offered amendment "B," which was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, bill "An Act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property, the title to which is disputed," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, "Resolve in favor of purchase and distribution of photographic views," was taken from the table, the vote whereby the same was assigned for consideration Friday reconsidered, the resolve read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Printed bills:

"An Act in reference to trustees of State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts." Senate Document No. 201;

"Resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of the York deeds." Senate Document No. 202;

Which bill and resolve were each read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the sixty-seventh legislature, relating to the appointment of a State auditor, submitted the following report:

"The committee believe that the appointment of a State auditor would be a step in the right direction; that it would promote a system of greater accountability in the expenditure of public moneys; and that the publication of a State auditor's report showing the items of expenditure, to whom paid and for what purpose, could not fail to be an improvement upon the present system. The people have a right to know in detail who gets their money. The present system by which only the gross amounts paid out for certain purposes appear in published reports, is entirely unsatisfactory.

"This committee undertook to draft a bill to provide for the appointment of State auditor, but a little examination showed that it would be necessary not only to make a thorough examination of the Statutes which appropriate money and prescribe the manner of its use, but that the methods now in vogue in the several departments and the provisions of the several contracts made by the State with various parties involving the expenditure of money, would all have to be carefully examined before a bill could be drawn which would be suitable; and the time at the disposal of the committee renders it impossible for us to do this work.

"We therefore recommend that the bill be referred to the next legislature in order that a better opportunity may be afforded for accomplishing this desired reform."

Which report was read and accepted.

Mr. MERRILL from the Committee on Agriculture, on resolution of Somerset County Grange to prevent fraud in the

manufacture and sale of cloth, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. ENGEL submitted the final report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the final report of the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the final report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. WYMAN submitted the final report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

Mr. ENGEL submitted the final report of the Committee on Salaries.

Which several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of A. L. Hersey and others praying that section 2, chapter 169 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation be amended, submitted bill "An Act to amend section 2, chapter 169 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation;"

Mr. HEALD from the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Damariscotta and Bristol Telephone Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Which reports were read and accepted and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the joint rule.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

"An Act to amend section 112 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 37 of the Public Laws of 1891 and by chapter 121 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to normal schools and the Madawaska training school,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill:

"An Act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland county to aid in the construction of its railway,"

Which bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, March 25, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Snyder of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Remonstrance of Frank L. Allen and others of Machias against establishment of West Washington municipal court,

Which was ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to sentence to the reform school," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 27 of chapter 134 of the Revised Statutes, relating to criminal appeals," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to prevent any exhibitions in the State of Maine of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill at Carson City, through the agency of the kinetoscope," that the same ought not to pass, as another bill covering the same subject has been reported.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the correction of errors in proceedings for collection of taxes," that the same ought not to pass.



Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act authorizing and directing the treasurer of Franklin county to refund certain money to Perkins' plantation," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on "Resolve, memorial to Congress relating to the Sperry bill," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to regulate the salary of the county attorney of Hancock county," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Cumberland," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Salaries, on bill "An Act fixing the salaries of county and state officers for a period of years," that the same ought not to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 8, chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to paupers, their settlement and support," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to paupers, their settlement and support."

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to provide for the incorporation and control of gas and electric companies for lighting, heating, manufacturing and mechanical purposes,' submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend clause 26 of section 6 of chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, as amended

by chapter 141 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations."

Which report was read and accepted and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 60 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to prevent the reproduction of prize fights by photographs," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order of the legislature to inquire into the expediency of legislation to provide for the conduct of political caucuses and primaries, submitting bill "An Act in relating to political caucuses in cities."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 319 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company,' " submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 29 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated plantations," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 29 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated places."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1891, to provide for the recording of assignments of wages when the assignor is commorant in an unorganized place," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend section 6 of chapter

III of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to the recording of assignments of wages."

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on petition of H. E. Stetson and 533 others of the Bath board of trade; also memorial of Bath Board of Trade, relating to establishment of dry dock at Bath; also resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at Kittery Navy Yard; also resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine, to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for dry dock at Portland, submitting "Resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at some port on the coast of Maine."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 221 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, which is an act to incorporate the Long Pond Dam Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, on bill "An Act to determine the privileges of graduates of the State College," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted, the several bills and the resolve each read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on bill "An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes," that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Mr. WALLS of Knox, offered amendment "A," pending consideration of which the bill was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of F. Winslow and others for annexation of territory of Deering to Portland, submitting bill "An Enabling Act for the annexation of Deering to Portland," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted, and Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered Senate amendment "A" to House amendment "A," which was adopted. The rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to regulate the use of bicycles," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to require the use of wide tires upon team wagons," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act relative to the use of wide tires," came from the House amended by sheet "A" and indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "An Act to provide for the navigation of the Kennebec river between Shawmut dam and the south line of Skowhegan," that the same ought to pass, came from the House amended by sheet "A" and indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Library, on bill "An Act to establish traveling libraries," that the same ought to pass, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Library, on "Resolve appropriating money to carry into effect an act establishing traveling libraries," that the same ought to pass, came from the House passage to be engrossed refused.

The reports were read and accepted, and the several bills and the resolve indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Shore Fisheries, on petition of E. V. Lynam and others and C. H. S. Webb and others that there be established and maintained two or more hatcheries for the propagation of lobsters, submitting the following order:

The Senate concurring, that the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries be authorized to make such initial experiments regarding the gathering of and hatching of lobster eggs or spawn, as to demonstrate the practicability of establishing hatcheries upon the coast of Maine, and to report the result of his experiments and investigations to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and the order read and passed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The order relating to making the railroad commissioners elective instead of appointive, came up from the House, that branch asking a committee of conference and appointing,

Messrs. Wilson of Gorham,  
Pattangall of Machias,  
Walton of Skowhegan.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, the Senate insisted on its action and joined the committee, appointing,

Messrs. McCullough of Washington,  
Sharp of Aroostook,  
Morrill of Cumberland,

as the conferees on the part of the Senate.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the taxation of savings banks," came up from the

House, that branch non-concurring in the action of the Senate and referring the bill to the next legislature.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate receded from its former action and referred the bill to the next legislature in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to provide for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting for State and city elections,'" came up from the House, that branch adhering to its action indefinitely postponing the bill.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec, the Senate adhered to its action.

Bill "An Act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of the State," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by House amendment "A" as amended by House amendment "I," and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, the Senate receded from its former action and indefinitely postponed the bill in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 226 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

"Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House amended by sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The votes whereby the bill and resolve were passed to be engrossed were reconsidered, the House amendments were adopted, and the bill and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That there be paid to Fred W. Lee of Augusta, the sum of three hundred dollars for services as clerk and stenographer rendered to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the committee of the sixty-seventh legislature to which was referred the resolve inquiring into the expediency of purchasing the homestead of the late James G. Blaine, to be preserved by the State as a memorial building, be given further time, and that they be instructed to report by bill or otherwise to the next legislature.

On motion by Mr. HEALD of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That there be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars to each of the porters and night watch employed in the State House, for extra services rendered during this session of the legislature.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid Chapin Lydstone for his services as messenger for the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid Walter B. Clark for his services as messenger for the Committee on Legal Affairs for year 1897.

Which were read and passed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford,

*Ordered*, That Senator Olcott B. Poor be excused from further attendance at this session from and after this day and that his pay and mileage be made up in full to the end of the session.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act relating to suits on promissory notes." Senate Document No. 203;

"An Act to regulate the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counselors, to provide for a board of examiners, and to repeal conflicting acts." Senate Document No. 204;

Which bills were each read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. MORRILL from the Committee of Conference, on "Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine," reported that the committee cannot agree,

Which report was read and accepted.

Mr. ENGEL from the Committee of Conference, on "Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," reported that they were unable to agree,

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by the same senator a second committee of conference was appointed as follows:

Messrs. Stearns of Aroostook,  
Parsons of Piscataquis,  
Ferguson of Sagadahoc.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the report came up from the House accepted in concurrence and the committee joined as follows:

Messrs. King of Caribou,  
Merrill of Portland,  
Spear of Rockland.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled, 'An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company,'" reported the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company,'"

Which report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee on the Judiciary, on "Resolve for amendment to the Constitution, relative to election of senators to fill vacancies," submitted the same in new draft under the same title,

Which report was read and accepted and on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the resolve was laid on the table to be printed.



Mr. SAVAGE submitted the final report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MERRILL submitted the final report of the Committee on Agriculture.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An Act to prevent the use of diseased meat for food purposes;"

"An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to Loan and Building Associations;"

Which were each read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act additional to section 104, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, of 1883, as now amended, relating to the duties of the State Superintendent of Schools;"

"An Act to amend section 42 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs;"

"An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mortgaging of ward's estate by guardians;"

"An Act to amend sections 59, 60 and 61 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies;"

"An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to probate courts;"

"An Act to set off a part of the town of Rome and annex the same to the town of Belgrade;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to punishment for intoxication;"

"An Act to correct a clerical error in 'An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on

buildings,' approved March 17, 1897, and being chapter 232 of the Public Laws of 1897;"

"An Act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property, the title to which is disputed;"

"An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled 'An Act in relation to the municipal court of the city of Portland;'"

"An Act to repeal chapter 182 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the taking of fish from Bunganeaut pond;"

"An Act additional relating to the appointment of a recorder for the Bath municipal court;"

"An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate in the county of Piscataquis;"

"An Act to give to the Oxford Light Company certain powers not granted by the general law;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Portland and Yarmouth Electric Railway Company, and enable it to cross navigable tide waters;"

"An Act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company;"

"An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Calais;'"

"An Act to amend chapter 184 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled, 'An Act to incorporate the Castine Water Company;'"

"Resolves providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office;"

"Resolves in aid of the Maine Gettysburg Commission;"

"Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysburg Commission;"

"Resolves providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipment for Company M, First Regiment, National Guard State Militia and Company M, Second Regiment, National Guard State Militia;"

"Resolve in favor of breakwater at Mattawamkeag bridge;"

"Resolve in favor of granting aid in repairing and maintaining Babbitt Ridge road in town of Moscow;"

"Resolve in aid of building bridge over Dickey brook in Frenchville in the county of Aroostook;"

"Resolves in favor of the city of Calais;"

"Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the town of Hollis;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

"Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute;"

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School;"

"Resolve in favor of Children's Aid Society of Maine;"

"Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland, Maine;"

"Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum;"

"Resolve for the purpose of repairing the church of the Penobscot tribe of Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of heirs of John Robertson;"

"Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed, in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill "An Act to secure the better observance of the Lord's day," came up by assignment and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds," came up by assignment, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed amended by House amendment "A" in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Billings, Day, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Hurd, McCullough, Merrill, Parsons, Poor, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Sally, Sharp, Witham—15.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Chamberlain, Clason, Engel, Heald, Hinkley, Maxwell, Morrill, Pike, Reynolds of Cumberland, Savage, Stearns, Walls, Weeks, Wyman—14.

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, on bill "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,'" came up by assignment.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, moved the acceptance of the report of the minority of the committee, "bill ought not to pass," which was lost.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Savage, Sharp, Walls—3.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Billings, Chamberlain, Engel, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Merrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Stearns, Weeks, Witham, Wyman—23.

So it was not a vote to accept the minority report.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, the majority report was accepted, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis, the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Company of Brewer, Maine, to transact business within the city of Brewer," was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, was assigned for consideration to-morrow morning and retabled.

At 11.45 A. M., on motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

## 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Papers from the House:

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to repeal chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency proceedings."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company," submitting the same in new draft under the same title.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor, over a route to be fixed by the municipal officers."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell and convey all the right, title and interest the State of Maine has in and to land in Moro plantation," submitting the same in new draft under title of "Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lots in Moro plantation."

Which several reports were read and accepted, the rules were suspended, the bills and resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the House Committee on County Estimates, to which was referred the estimates of the several counties of the State for the years 1897 and 1898, submitting "Resolve laying a tax on counties of the State for the years 1897 and 1898," came from the House amended by sheet "A."

The report was read and accepted, the rules were suspended, the resolve was read twice, House amendmnt "A" adopted and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes and chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate amended by Senate amendment "A," came up from the House passed to be engrossed amended by Senate amendment "A" and House amendment "A."

The vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A" and House amendment "A," in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,

*Ordered*, That there be paid to Maurice W. Russell the sum of \$50 for his services as messenger for the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, for the year 1897.

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

*Ordered*, That the Remington typewriter that has been used for the business of the Senate, this session, be presented to the President of the Senate.

Which was read and passed.

Printed bills:

"An Act to amend section 2, chapter 169, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation." Senate Document No. 205,

Which was laid on the table pending first reading on motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford.

"An Act to incorporate the Damariscotta and Bristol Telephone Company." Senate Document No. 206,

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCULLOUGH from the Committee of Conference, on order relating to the election of railroad commissioners, reported that the committee are unable to agree.

Mr. CLASON submitted the final report of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. STEARNS from the Committee of Conference, on "Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," reported that they are unable to agree.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

"An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to paupers, their settlement and support,"

Which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act to amend chapter 118, Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics;"

"An Act to establish the standard weight of a bushel of parsnips;"

"An Act to regulate the packing of sardines;"

"An Act to amend sections 3 and 8 of chapter 86 and section 17 of chapter 81, Revised Statutes, relating to the service of trustee writs;"

"An Act to amend section 13 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to election of town officers;"

"An Act to legalize the acts of Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish;"

"An Act to incorporate the new city hall commission of Waterville under the name of the City Hall Commission;"

"An Act to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company;"

"An Act to establish the Sanford municipal court;"

"An Act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Company;"

"An Act to establish wards and ward lines in the city of Augusta;"

"An Act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary;"

"An Act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State prison physician;"

"An Act relating to the Portland Railroad Company;"

"An Act to permit the Patten and Sherman Railroad Company to sell or lease its road;"

"An Act to amend sections 4 and 5 of chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended;"

"An Act to change the time of holding the October term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Waldo;"

"Resolve providing for the expenses of the Governor and staff while attending the ceremonies relating to the formal transfer of the Grant Monument to the city of New York;"

"Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same committee reported the following bill "An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries,"

Which was laid on the table on motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

"Resolve for amendment to the constitution relating to election of senators to fill vacancies," was taken from the table, the rules suspended and passed to be engrossed.

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Chamberlain, Clason, Engel, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Merrill, Morrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Savage, Sharp, Weeks, Witham—24.



So the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland,

Bill "An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to election, qualifications and compensation of school committees," was taken from the table and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendments "A" and "B" and Senate amendment "A."

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Improvement and Navigation Company," was taken from the table, assigned for consideration to-morrow and retabled.

At 4 o'clock, on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate took a recess until 7.30 o'clock P. M.

#### 7.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Papers from the House:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act relating to corporations organized under the general law," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Alwilda S. Martin and 130 others to amend chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, relating to hawkers and peddlers, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of T. P. Matthews and 25 others asking for the passage of a bill to rid the country of pack peddlers, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "An Act to place the Maine Relief Corps Home at Newport, under the control of the State," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of Elliot Walker and others; T. M. Drake and others; that the medical staff of all general hospitals shall include at least one homeopathic physician and surgeon, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the same committee, on "Resolve to repair the block house at Fort Kent," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Report of the same committee, on "Resolve in favor of a fire proof brick vault at the State Capitol," that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Which several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending section 54, chapter 80, of the Revised Statutes," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of highways," and also bill "An Act relating to the repairs of highways and bridges in towns," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of highways."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, No. 316, was organized," submitting the same in new draft under same title.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to amend section 7 of chapter 180, Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to organization of the Protestant Episcopal church of Maine," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "An Act to amend chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the election of truant officers by the superintending school committee," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend

section 5 of chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of truant officer."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act in addition to and to amend chapter 634, Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 634, Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Railway."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, on bill "An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway," submitting the same in new draft under title of "An Act to extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company."

Report of the House Committee on Ways and Means, on bill "An Act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1897, amounting to the sum of \$905,179.49," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same committee, on bill "An Act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1898, amounting to the sum of \$905,179.49," that the same ought to pass.

Which several reports were read and accepted, the several bills each read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of a majority of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing the United Indurated Fibre Company of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electrical power," that the same ought not to pass,

(Signed)

Savage,  
Drummond, of the Senate,  
Knowlton,  
Fogler,  
Hamilton,  
Philbrook, of the House.

Report of a minority of the same committee on the same bill, submitting the same in new draft under the same title,

(Signed)

Louis C. Stearns, of the Senate,

George G. Weeks,

George H. Smith, of the House.

Came from the House majority report accepted.

The reports were read and pending acceptance laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for their consideration on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot,

*Ordered*, That H. J. Noble and C. E. Morrison each be paid the sum of \$75 for extra and efficient service on the elevator.

On motion by Mr. HINKLEY of Franklin,

*Ordered*, The sum of \$25 be paid Walter D. Bean for extra service rendered the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game as messenger.

Which were read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, bill "An Act repealing section 87, chapter 11, Revised Statutes, and acts amendatory thereto, and substituting therefor an additional section to said chapter, regulating the manner of electing town superintendents, and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents," was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, House amendments "A" and "B" were rejected. Mr. REYNOLDS offered Senate amendment "A," which was adopted, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford, bill "An Act to amend section 2, chapter 169 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation," was taken from the table, read once and the same senator offered amendment "A," which was adopted, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

Bill "An Act to amend section 60 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook,

Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, March 26, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Andrews of Garland.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House:

Bill "An Act to regulate the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counselors, to provide for a board of examiners and to repeal conflicting acts," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came up from the House referred to the next legislature.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, the Senate receded from its former action and referred the bill to the next legislature in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to secure the better observance of the Lord's day," which was indefinitely postponed by the Senate, came up from the House, that branch adhering to its action passing the bill to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, the Senate adhered to its action.

"Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," came up from the House, that branch adhering to its action indefinitely postponing the same.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate adhered to its action.

"Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine," came up from the House, that branch adhering to its action indefinitely postponing the same.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate adhered to its action.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a list of the titles of public acts approved by the Governor, as follows:

"An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 268 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled 'An Act to regulate the organization and control of street railroads;'"

"An Act to amend sections 59, 60 and 61 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies;"

"An Act to amend section 11 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to probate courts;"

"An Act to correct a clerical error in 'An Act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings,' approved March 17, 1897, and being chapter 232 of the Public Laws of 1897;"

"An Act to amend sections 6 and 9 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ways;"

"An Act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property, the title to which is disputed;"

"An Act to establish the salary of the judge of probate in the county of Piscataquis;"

"An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mortgaging of ward's estate by guardian;"

"An Act additional to section 104, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the State Superintendent of Schools;"

"An Act to amend section 42 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs;"

"An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to punishment for intoxication;"

Which was read and sent down.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington,

*Ordered*, That there be paid to Charles H. Lovejoy the sum of \$100 for extra services as messenger of the Senate, in addition to his present compensation.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the pay of the pages of the Senate be made up the same as that of the folders.

On motion by Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That on and after this date Senator Simpson of Hancock be excused from further attendance on the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to make up his pay and mileage.

Which were read and passed.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of the year 1889, in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook," came up by assignment, and on motion by Mr. SHARP of Aroostook, was indefinitely postponed.

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor," came up by assignment, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the Senate adhered to its action.

The report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Company of Brewer, Maine, to transact business within the city of Brewer," came up by assignment, the report was accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bill "An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes," came up by assignment, and Senate amendment "A," offered by Mr. WALLS of Knox, was adopted.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Clason, Engel, Ferguson, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Parsons, Pike, Reynolds of Kennebec, Savage, Stearns, Walls, Wyman—15.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Chamberlain, Grindle, Hargraves, Morrill, Poor, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Weeks, Witham—10.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland, stated that he was paired with Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland; he (Mr. REYNOLDS) would vote nay and Mr. DRUMMOND would vote yea.

So amendment "A" was adopted.

The bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Improvement and Navigation Company," came up by assignment and on motion by Mr. MAXWELL of Androscoggin, was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "An Act authorizing the United Indurated Fibre Company of New Jersey, to generate and supply compressed air and electrical power," came up by assignment, and Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, moved the acceptance of the minority report, bill "ought to pass," which was lost.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS, the yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Parsons, Sharp, Stearns, Weeks—4.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Chamberlain, Clason, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Morrill, Pike, Poor, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Savage, Walls, Witham—20.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, stated that he was paired with Mr. BILLINGS of Waldo; he (Mr. ENGEL) would vote nay and Mr. BILLINGS would vote yea.

So it was not a vote to accept the minority report.

The report of the majority of the committee, bill "ought not to pass," was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, bill "An Act to amend section 23 of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice



of law," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following communication was read:

BELFAST, ME., March 24, 1897.

*To the Honorable Senate of the State of Maine:*

Gentlemen: Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the deep and sustained interests and many expressions of friendly regard extended to me and my family, during my protracted illness.

Let me assure you that I deeply appreciate the motives which prompted your interests and acts in my behalf and I shall ever cherish the memory of them among the most gratifying experiences of my life.

Looking forward to the time when I shall meet you all again and take you each by the hand and express my regards in a less formal way, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

W. L. LITTLEFIELD.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington, it was unanimously

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate acknowledge to the member of the House from Belfast the pleasure with which his communication was received and to extend to him their continued wishes for his full and complete recovery.

At 11 o'clock A. M., on motion by Mr. HURD of York, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

## 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Papers from the House:

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on "Resolve, Ex-Governor King monument," submitting the same in new draft under title of "Resolve in favor of the Ex-Governor King lot, in Oak Grove Cemetery in the city of Bath."

Which report was read and accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve to care for the unfinished buildings of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the rules were suspended, the resolve was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State cattle commission," which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate amended by Senate amendment "A," came up from the House passed to be engrossed amended by Senate amendment "A" and House amendments "B," "C" and "D."

The vote whereby the resolve was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendments "B," "C" and "D" were adopted and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor," came up from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property," came up from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington,

*Ordered*, That the pay of the stenographer and typewriter of the Senate be the same as that of the folders and pages.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. CLASON of Kennebec,

Bill "An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State Library," was taken from the table and passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock,

Bill "An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries," was taken from the table and the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered.

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, offered Senate amendment "B," which was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills:

"An Act to amend section 3, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children;"

"An Act amendatory of section 19 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to officers of religious societies;"

"An Act additional to section 88 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to returns of town superintendents;"

"An Act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners;"

"An Act to amend section 45 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of milk;"

"An Act to amend paragraph 4 of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of estate and property of religious societies;"

"An Act to amend chapter 116 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the schooling of children in unorganized townships;"

"An Act to amend chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep;"

"An Act relating to transfers of stock;"

"An Act relating to the employment of superintendents of schools;"

"An Act relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime;"

"An Act to amend sections 11 and 14 in chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, relating to agricultural societies;"

"An Act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to sea and shore fisheries;"

"An Act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island;"

"An Act to incorporate the town of Perham;"

"An Act authorizing the town of Lebanon to contract with the city of Rochester, New Hampshire, to supply the village of Lebanon with water for fire and domestic use;"

"An Act authorizing the construction of a townway or highway over and across the tide waters of Webhannet river in Wells;"

"An Act additional to the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway;"

"An Act to authorize the Bath Gas and Electric Company to issue additional bonds;"

"An Act additional to the act incorporating the Mutual Fire Insurance Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Saint John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll bridges across the Saint John river;"

"An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the cities of Biddeford and Saco;"

"An Act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford;"

"An Act to incorporate the Harpswell village corporation;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

At 3.20 P. M., on motion by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln, the Senate took a recess until 7.30 P. M.

7.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bill "An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes," came up from the House, that branch insisting on its action and asking a committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Burns of Westbrook,  
Hamilton of Mattawamkeag,  
Burton of Union.

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, moved that the Senate recede and concur with the House, which was lost on a rising vote, 4 in the affirmative, 12 in the negative.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate insisted on its action and joined the committee of conference, appointing:

Messrs. Savage of Androscoggin,  
Stearns of Aroostook,  
Engel of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act repealing section 87, chapter 11, Revised Statutes, and acts amendatory thereto, and substituting therefor an additional section to said chapter, regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents," came up from the House passed to be engrossed, amended by Senate amendment "A" and House amendment "C."

The vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, House amendment "C" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A" and House amendment "C" in concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND submitted the final report of the Committee on Claims.

Which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

“An Act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1897, amounting to the sum of \$905,179.49;”

“An Act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1898, amounting to the sum of \$905,179.49;”

“An Act to amend section 60 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors;”

“An Act to amend chapter 30 and chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to inland fisheries and game;”

“An Act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State;”

“An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, relating to division fences;”

“An Act for the promotion of medical education and the prevention of unauthorized uses of and traffic in dead human bodies;”

“An Act additional to chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid;”

“An Act to amend section 29 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated places;”

“An Act to amend section 31 of chapter 11, Revised Statutes of 1883, as amended by chapters 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, 212 of the Public Laws of 1889, 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, defining course of study in free high schools;”

“An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of Laws of 1889, in relation to sale of pressed hay;”

“An Act to amend section 6 of chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to the recording of assignments of wages;”

"An Act to amend clause 26 of section 6 of chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 141 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations;"

"An Act to amend section 112 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 37 of the Public Laws of 1891, and chapter 121 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to normal schools and the Madawaska Training School;"

"An Act to amend chapter 65 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act in relation to State taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as wild lands;'"

"An Act in relation to political caucuses in cities;"

"An Act for the better preservation of highways and accommodating public travel;"

"An Act to prevent the use of diseased meat for food purposes;"

"An Act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds;"

"An Act to prevent the reproduction of prize fights by photographs;"

"An Act to change the time of holding the October and January terms of the supreme judicial court in the county of Washington;"

"An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts;'"

"An Act in reference to trustees of State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts;"

"An Act to determine the privileges of graduates of the State College;"

"An Act to amend chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company;'"

"An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 226 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company;"

"An Act to repeal certain old and obsolete Private and Special Laws relating to close time for fishing in the public waters of the State;"

"An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 319, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company;'"

"An Act to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity for use, lease or sale, heat, light and power;"

"An Act to amend chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company, as amended by chapter 74 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and by chapter 482 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, and by chapter 620 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893;'"

"An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis river and its tributaries;"

"Resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at some port on the coast of Maine;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital;"

"Resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of York deeds;"

"Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents;"

"Resolve in favor of purchase and distribution of photographic views;"

"Resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard;"



“Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don H. Powers and A. G. Sirois, M. D., against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morris;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn it be until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, March 27, 1897.

Senate called to order by the President.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

The vote was reconsidered whereby bill “An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency proceedings,” was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same senator, House amendment “A” was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALLS of Knox,

*Ordered*, That the superintendent of public buildings be directed to hang the pictures of all past Presidents of the Senate, including the present incumbent, in the room of the President of the Senate in the Capitol.

Which was read and passed.

A large framed portrait of the President of the Senate, Hon. Albert R. Day, was brought into the Senate Chamber by the Messenger and his assistant, and Mr. STEARNS of Aroostook, arose in his place and addressed the President as follows:

Mr. President: I am instructed by the body of which I am a member, and over which you have presided for the past weeks, to tender to you as the gift of this Senate your own portrait, in humble expression of the regard which this body has for your ability, for your eminent fairness as presiding officer and for the courtesy which you have always shown to your fellow senators. It is the hope of the Senate that you, in accepting this gift, will have added strength to that tie of affectionate regard that should bind us all together in the years to come, as we have been bound in the past.

This portrait, while it faithfully depicts the features of the President of this body, cannot do justice to that infinite kindness which he has manifested during this session. I know it is the marvel and the wonder of this body that you, who came to preside over its deliberations without earlier experience, have by innate ability, qualities of heart and industry, so mastered the intricate rules that govern deliberative bodies, that during the whole session there has been no one ruling of yours of which complaint has been made, or from which an appeal has been taken, and I express the hope that as you hereafter look upon this picture, you will be perpetually reminded of that friendship, the sweetest thing in all the world, which should bind us together who have met here in deliberation during the past weeks.

President DAY responded as follows:

Fellow Senators: I am pleased to accept the gift in the same spirit in which it has been proffered. It will have a place in my home, as your memory shall ever have in my heart.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Senate be extended to the Honorable Albert R. Day for the able, courteous and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

Mr. SAVAGE said:

Mr. Secretary and Senators: The last hours of meeting of any body so closely tied together as the members of this Senate have been, are sad. We are now about to break up the meet-

ings of the legislature which has been in session for three months, in which all of our energies and all of our capacities have been exercised to the well being of the State whose citizens we represent, the State which we all love so well. I am glad to be able to say that I think our constituents, when they read the work we have done, will say that we have been faithful. We have perhaps done some things unwisely; we have perhaps omitted to do some things that we might thought to have done, and that is inevitable in the progress of human affairs. I am glad to say in substance what I said two years ago, standing here, that the State of Maine is looking forward with hope to a new era of prosperity. Wise legislation is helping it. The capital of Maine no longer is flowing out beyond our borders. The young men of Maine are no longer going outside of the State in great numbers, as they did years ago. Homes are made happier and more pleasant here. Life is made more agreeable and successful here, and the State of Maine is not only maintaining the position which it has always held as a leader among the states, but is growing stronger, more powerful and more desirable as a home.

I have offered this resolution, Mr. Secretary, in honor of the President, not merely as a formal matter, but as a matter to which every senator at this board will most gladly and cordially give assent. My acquaintance with the President began at a time when it was my lot to preside over the other branch of the legislature, and he was a member of that body. I watched his career at that time and I have been intimately acquainted with him ever since. There was a time when I aspired to sit in the chair where he now sits, but circumstances over which I had no control (laughter) prevented it. I feel to say now that I believe the Senate made a wise choice. I have never known a presiding officer who has presided with more dignity and ability, with more fairness or a greater desire to serve the members of the Senate, and as said by the senator from Aroostook in his eloquent remarks, it has been a wonder to me that a gentleman who had had no previous experience as a presiding officer over a body like this, has so far surpassed some of his predecessors in some respects as to call forth the gratitude and admiration of all his fellow senators.

Mr. Secretary, I trust that this resolution when it is put, may be adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, said:

Mr. Secretary and Senators: I take pleasure in seconding the resolution offered by the senator from Androscoggin.

At the eve of the session about to depart, I can truly say, that the last three months I was associated with you, were the happiest of my life.

The pleasant greetings and your smiling faces have been inspiration for me, and your cordial hand shakes a benediction. We came here as strangers and part as friends. I for one will make the statement that I have not seen the time during our debates and differences of opinion that I ever had any feeling towards any of the members, realizing all the time that each one of you acted according to his convictions, and different opinions were prompted with good intentions and honest motives. I know full well that no small part of our success here is due to my colleague, our honored President. I have always known him as a man of honesty and integrity and character; during this session he has shown himself to be a model presiding officer; his impartiality and fairness have been the admiration of us all, and his dignified bearing has honored his office and the Senate. I have always admired him, and now I have learned to love him, and will say right here, "Should you, sir, at any time be in position where you need the help of an humble citizen, call on your friend William Engel."

Mr. CLASON of Kennebec said:

Mr. Secretary and Gentlemen of the Senate: We are now approaching the closing hours of this session of the 68th legislature, and while we all with joy shall return to our homes and our several vocations, it will be with a tinge of sorrow that we tear asunder the pleasant associations that we have formed here. Coming together many of us strangers, we soon became acquainted and learned to respect each other, and I know that we shall all carry away the remembrance of kindest feelings we have had toward each other and that they will remain as long as life lasts.

I wish personally to extend my thanks for the many courtesies that have been extended to me by my fellow senators.

To our President much is due. Always courteous, always approachable, he has endeared himself to us all. His fairness and impartiality have been remarkable, and as has been said, not a ruling has been made by him but what has received the unanimous approval of the Senate. I know that he will return to his home, feeling that he has the highest respect of all his colleagues.

Mr. Secretary, it affords me great pleasure to second the resolution introduced by the honorable senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. WALLS of Knox said:

Mr. Secretary: I have known the president for some fifteen or sixteen years. I knew him intimately when he was teaching school in our town, and when he was nominated for President of the Senate this year, I felt confident that he was competent and that he would preside over the deliberations of this body honestly and fairly, and I have not been mistaken. I appreciate the courtesies he has extended to me and to all the members here, and I feel that his work and acts will be remembered by everyone of us who have been under his ruling.

I wish at this time to extend my thanks to the members of this Senate for the courtesies and kindnesses that I have received from them. I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing the presiding officer of this body preside in higher stations in life.

Mr. Secretary, I am pleased to cordially second the resolution.

Mr. ROBERTS of Oxford said:

Mr. Secretary: There is nothing that I have done this session that has been so pleasant as this one of seconding this resolution. The best and grandest tribute that can be paid to any presiding officer, I believe, is the fact that he has been absolutely impartial and courteous in his position, and each one of us knows that throughout the days of this session there could not be detected the least bit of partiality or of unfairness on the part of our presiding officer.

In seconding this resolution I wish to thank our President for the kindness and consideration he has given me, and as this will be the last time that I shall speak, perhaps, I want to thank the Secretary and his assistant, and the other officers of this body, who have been uniformly courteous and have always anticipated our wants.

And now, Mr. Secretary, that gavel shall soon fall upon the desk for the last time. Our footsteps will soon re-echo down over those broad steps for the last time and we shall go out upon this beautiful street of this fair city, passing by the residence of him whose picture hangs there over the door (James G. Blaine) and who was one of the most loved and honored statesmen this republic ever had. We shall pass along, and perhaps we may look back and see that glorious flag of our grand country floating out upon the pure breezes of Heaven. Then we shall turn our footsteps the other way and go upon divergent paths to our homes, and this Senate will become a mere memory, sweet and fragrant, surely, because of the kind spirit that has prevailed here at all times. I know that in future days we shall many times see the picture of this Senate, our honored and loved President sitting in his chair or standing in the performance of his duties, our white-haired Secretary and his quite assistant supporting him and these employes earnestly engaged in the performance of their duties, these two lines of senators sitting in the circle, and the groups of spectators. This shall be the picture that will come back to us many times, and always with a fragrant memory.

Before I sit down, I want to thank my fellow senators for their uniform courtesy and consideration. It has been my lot here to be engaged in many important measures. I have been engaged in those matters in which it was necessary to make something of a struggle. I have received from you all the kindest consideration, whether you have been on my side or on the other side, and for these things I thank you.

As a last word I will say, yonder is a land, this side of the snow-capped peaks of the White Hills, a land of magnificent hills and mountains, of beautiful valleys and streams and of lovely lakes, and if your footsteps are ever turned that way, you will find my home and I hope you will make me a visit, and I assure you, it will be pleasant to entertain you.

Mr. Secretary, it gives me great pleasure to second this resolve.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln said:

Mr. Secretary: I desire to express, in common with the other members of this board, the hope that this resolution will receive a passage. I came here, sir, feeling that it was wise to call the distinguished gentleman who has presided over this body to his present position. My first acquaintance with him began while we were both members of the other branch of this legislature. That acquaintance inspired within me the feeling that his abilities eminently qualified him to discharge the trust and the duties of President of this body. Our acquaintance with him and the manner in which he has discharged the burdens that have fallen upon him, I think has justified the anticipations and hopes which I in common with others at that time entertained.

Coming, as I did, Mr. Secretary, as one of the very youngest members of this body, I feel that it is my duty as well as my privilege to express to our beloved President my sincere feelings of gratitude for the manner in which he has treated me, for the impartiality he has shown, for overlooking the many shortcomings of which I perhaps have been guilty. As a new member of this body, I desire to thank him for his uniform courtesy to me and for his many acts of kindness. I desire further to say to the elder members of this Senate, to those who came here rich in legislative experience and experience in other circles of life, that I thank them for their kindness and consideration of me in every branch of business in which I have been engaged during this session. I can say to them and to every other member of the Senate that I have learned from them not only in legislative knowledge, but in example and in all those things which go to enlarge human character and to make us better fitted to discharge every duty and responsibility of life.

In closing, Mr. Secretary, permit me to say to not only our President and every officer of this Senate, but to every member of this board, that in my home by the great ocean's side, there will ever be for you, each and every one, as hearty a welcome as I have received at your hands during this session.

Mr. Secretary, I desire to urge the passage of this resolution.

Mr. PARSONS of Piscataquis said:

Mr. Secretary: As much as I should prefer in the sadness of the closing hours of this session, to listen to others, I am in such hearty accord with the sentiments expressed in the resolution offered by the senator from Androscoggin, that I must, in a few words, at least, voice my appreciation of the able, the dignified, the fair manner in which our presiding officer has presided over the deliberations of this body. I think there is not a senator here who has not felt his kindness and the impartiality of the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of that high office, an office second only to that of the chief magistrate of the State of Maine.

One thing which I have noticed and one which perhaps has pleased me as much as any other during the three months which we have been here, is the harmony and good feeling which has actually existed between the members at this board, that harmony heightened and increased, as I believe, by the confidence and good feeling which has existed between the members and our presiding officer.

And now our work is over. It is soon to become a part of the history of the State of Maine. Whether our work has been wise or not others are to judge, but I have felt during the whole session that every senator here realized the fact that he was legislating, not for any particular locality, but for the whole State of Maine and for her best interests, that he was a senator of Maine and not of any one section. I believe the work which has been done here will stand the test of time, as has been said by the able senator from Androscoggin. Our policy perhaps is one of enlargement, one which will tend to the upbuilding of the State of Maine and make us a grander and stronger Commonwealth, one which, if it may seem liberal to some, will have a tendency to sustain our home institutions and to keep our wealth within our own borders and our young men from drifting into the land of the West.

And now I feel to extend here to every member of this body, and to the officers, my heartfelt thanks for the courtesy with which they have treated me a new member during this session. My experience, first in the House and then in this Senate in the legislature of Maine will be among the pleasant recollections



of my life, and as we go to our respective homes I think that we may carry with us a feeling that our associations here have been pleasant, and profitable to ourselves and the State. I say that every member and every officer of this branch will carry with him to his home my heartfelt wish and desire for his future prosperity and happiness. I most heartily second the resolution.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Cumberland said:

Mr. Secretary: I wish to simply second the resolution offered by the senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. REYNOLDS of Cumberland said:

Mr. Secretary: In coming to this Senate chamber, I came as a new member, as several have said. And, as several did, I labored under the further disadvantage of never having been a member of the other House. I felt the disadvantage of that. And possibly because of that fact, and feeling that there might be something of obtrusiveness, it rather tended to a reticence at the beginning of our session. Sitting here in that mood, I was led to more of an analysis of the doings of the Senate, of its members and officers, than otherwise I should. It seemed to me, as I attempted to analyze the conditions requisite for a presiding officer, that I saw in our President the evidences of a strong man of good presence and well modulated voice, of clear enunciation and a quick appreciation of what was going on about him. There seemed to me to be the strong characteristics of a good presiding officer. Later on, as the business of the session developed, I found that he was ruling and attending to the business as a man does who has had experience and understands what the duties are. Thoroughly and faithfully, it seemed to me, he has taken care of the wants and duties of that office, with all due regard to the rights and privileges of the members. I feel, myself, as though every ruling had been right and just. I feel that we have had uniformly the courtesy extended to us which we believed was our due. The same appreciation, that has been expressed, of the services of the Secretary and subordinate officers, I would give expression to myself. I have received constantly at their hands all the kindness possible. And the same consideration I have also received

from the members of the Senate. I wish, as others have done, to thank the individual officers and the members for their consideration. I am glad to second the motion on the resolution offered.

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland said:

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: I would not be true to my conviction of duty did I not express a word of appreciation of the many kindnesses that have been shown me during this session. Like my colleague from Cumberland, I came here as a new member, and like him, also, I have never served in the legislature. I have found on the part of the members, and on the part of every official of this Senate, a ready willingness to assist me at any time in anything that I might wish. I think the presiding officer of this body will carry away the love and esteem of every member of this Senate. I never met him until the beginning of the session, but I have been led to feel that I have always known him. He has always been very friendly to me and always ready to assist me. The officers of the Senate have all performed their duties well and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

The hours of this legislature are now drawing to a close and its existence can be counted almost by minutes. We shall soon dissolve and go to our several homes, and as we go there, and mingle in our different vocations, I think we can look back with pleasure and gratitude to the 68th legislature of Maine and be proud to think that we were members of that body. I wish again to extend my thanks to the officers, and to every member of the Senate, for the kindness shown me, and in closing I will say that the county of Cumberland is honored in seconding the resolution presented by the senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington said:

Mr. Secretary: So many and so eloquent are the words that have been spoken this morning, that words from me must seem superfluous, but I feel, Mr. President, that I should not be performing my duty did I not arise and add my testimony as to the able, dignified and impartial manner in which you have presided over our deliberations. To you, Mr. Secretary, to the assistant secretary and all the officers, and to you, my fellow

senators, I am deeply grateful for the many courtesies and kindnesses which you have extended to me.

And now, Mr. President, as we are about to part, I earnestly hope that you may be as successful in all your affairs in life as you have been as President of the 68th Senate of Maine, and, Mr. Secretary, I most heartily second the resolution presented by the gentleman from Androscoggin.

Mr. HURD of York said:

Mr. Secretary: I would not feel that I had done my duty if I should not simply second the resolution on behalf of the senators from York county.

Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock said:

Mr. Secretary: The time for the final adjournment of this legislature is near at hand. Soon we must part company and return to our different homes, there again to engage in the active duties pertaining to our different vocations.

I can hardly realize that nearly three months have passed since the opening of this legislature. The time has passed rapidly and to me very pleasantly. When first we met here the most of us were strangers, but the feeling of being strangers was soon replaced by acquaintance out of which has grown a feeling of true personal friendship. From the first each of us realized that we had met here for a common purpose, to do work for the State. We have worked together on different committees and as different measures have come to us on which to act, we have differed in opinion, but have been pleased to observe that though we could not think alike on questions, there has been manifested on the part of all a high regard for the opinion of others differing from them in their views.

There has been shown a universal disposition to grant to all the right of free thought and freedom of action. I will not prolong my remarks, as this is not an occasion for lengthy speeches, but I wish simply to say that it affords me great pleasure to avail myself of this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the President and other officers of the Senate, and also to my associates of this body, for the marked courtesy shown to me; and not only of myself do I speak, but to one and all during the entire session.

I would here mention the reporters, to whom we have reason to feel very grateful for their faithful work. The people as they have been interested to learn about the legislative work and to know what we have been doing have been furnished the means of keeping track of the legislative work through the work of the reporters. Therefore we have reason to feel grateful to them for their faithful work.

On coming to the Senate, I was unacquainted with the Senate rules, therefore was under the necessity of getting assistance to aid me in carrying through certain measures in the interest of my constituents, and it was very gratifying to me to find the officers and members more advanced in legislative work so ready and willing to assist me. I assure you, gentlemen, that such favors are fully appreciated and will be long remembered.

In closing, let me say that the acquaintances here formed have to me been very pleasant indeed and not to be soon forgotten. Kindly regards for you all will ever be cherished in my memory. I shall with pleasure look back and recall the hours spent in this legislature and can truly say I have greatly enjoyed the work of this 68th legislature; but while we have been permitted to enjoy the session, let us not be unmindful of those who by reason of death have been made to feel sad in consequence of the loss of near and dear ones.

Let us sympathize with them; let us feel for them, trying to realize how we should feel had death entered our family circle.

Gentlemen, I wish again to extend my sincere thanks to you all for your kindness to me during this session and I heartily endorse and second the resolution offered by the senator from Androscoggin.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset said:

Mr. Secretary: We are told on the highest authority that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," and yet I think that there are times in the lives of all of us when the fullness of the heart refuses to give expression in words. To me it would be impossible to make many remarks this morning. I only arise, representing the class that I do, to cordially endorse the resolution which has been so eloquently presented by the gentleman from Androscoggin and to cheerfully

accord with every word that has been said in commendation of the course of our President.

There have been expressions of surprise at the success with which his efforts have been rewarded. To us who have long lived near him as neighbors and intimate friends, who meet him daily in the business walks of life, who have watched him from boyhood to manhood, who have seen him achieve from the humblest beginning the noblest aspirations of American citizenship, it has been no cause of surprise. We expected it. We have seen him called step by step to higher positions, and we have seen that he not only realized our expectations, but that he went far beyond. I have felt, and I still feel, that there is a future of success not yet reached by our presiding officer. What it may be I know not, but of this I am satisfied, that whatever walks he may be called to enter, the same marked success which he has already achieved will still attend him.

Mr. Secretary, as his neighbor, as his friend, and as representing that section, it gives me the greatest pleasure to second this resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote and the secretary announced its passage to the President, who then responded as follows:

President DAY said:

Fellow Senators: Allow me to extend at this time my sincere thanks for this expression of your good will. When I accepted this high office to which you have raised me, I felt that I had not the strength or ability to fill the chair with credit to yourselves and to the State; but from the first I had your hearty support, and to that is due the fact, if it be a fact, that I have presided over your deliberations to your satisfaction.

We came here as the representatives of the people of Maine, and as representatives of the people of Maine, with its diversified interests, we at times have had occasion to differ in opinion. The difference has been honest. We are accountable to the people for our votes and our actions, and I think that each and every member of this Senate can go home to his people and be assured that they consider he has acted according to his honest convictions.

Let me say at this time that we must not forget the able services that have been rendered us by our Senate officers. Our worthy secretary has stood at his post almost night and day, working honestly and earnestly for the best results, for the good of the State and the credit of the Senate. As an officer of the Senate, the President has often had occasion to call upon him for counsel and advice. It has always been cheerfully given, and when accepted by the Chair has in every case been found reliable and correct. In closing, we must remember him and his able assistant, our beloved messenger and the other officers of the Senate, going down the list.

I cannot at this time attempt to make a speech, but I wish to express to you all my sincere gratitude for the courtesies that I have received.

Mr. FERGUSON of Sagadahoc, presented the following order:

*Ordered*, That the gavel which has been wielded so wisely and impartially by President Day, be presented to him as a further mark of our admiration and esteem.

The order was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The PRESIDENT: I am pleased to accept the gavel.

Mr. WALLS of Knox said:

Mr. President: With all due deference to yourself and what has been so truthfully said of you, I feel that we have a further duty to perform in recognizing the ability that has been manifested by our secretary of the Senate, upon whom so much has depended in the conduct of the business of this body. I have pleasure in offering this resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Kendall M. Dunbar, secretary, for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, and the unvarying kindness and courtesy which he has shown to the members of the Senate.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. MERRILL of Somerset, offered the following resolution:  
*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Amos

K. Butler, assistant secretary; W. E. Perkins, reporter; Charles H. Lovejoy, messenger; James F. Ashford, assistant messenger, and all the other officers of the Senate, for the faithful and courteous performance of their duties during the present session of the legislature.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. SAVAGE from the Committee of Conference, on bill "An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes," submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes and the sale thereof to minors."

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. WEEKS of Penobscot, presented "Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate."

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, presented "Resolve providing for the payment of the contingent expenses of the legislature."

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Paper from the House:

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House."

Which was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

"An Act amendatory and additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1887, and to chapter 274 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to loan and building associations;"

"An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of truant officers;"

"An Act to amend section 23 of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law;"

"An Act relating to suits on promissory notes;"

"An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries;"

"An Act relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations;"

"An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter 634, Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Railway;"

"An Act to amend section 7 of chapter 180, Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to organization of the Protestant Episcopal church of Maine;"

"An Act to amend chapter 221 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, which is an act to incorporate the Long Pond Dam Company;"

"An Act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor, over a route to be fixed by the municipal officers;"

"An Act to extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company;"

"An Act to incorporate the Damariscotta and Bristol Telephone Company;"

"An Act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company;"

"An Act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, number 316, was organized;"

"Resolve laying a tax on counties of the State for the years 1897 and 1898;"

"Resolve to care for the unfinished buildings of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital;"

"Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lots in Moro plantation;"

"Resolve in favor of the Ex-Governor King lot in Oak Grove cemetery in the city of Bath;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been



signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the sum of fifty dollars each be paid to the mail carrier, assistant messenger and doorkeeper of the Senate, it being for extra services.

Which was read and passed.

At 12.30 P. M., on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, the Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

## 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Papers from the House:

That the sum of fifty dollars be paid from the State treasury to each of the following named porters, laborers and night watch at the State House, for extra services during the legislative session:

H. M. Breen, C. B. Pettingill, Fred Brown, Joseph Fossett, D. W. Pettingill, J. M. Libby, E. Pedder, O. I. Stone, J. A. McDonald, W. H. Holmes, Joseph Fuller, C. D. Cram, F. W. Miller, C. W. Weymouth, John Jones, W. L. Stevens, O. O. Stetson.

Came from the House amended as follows: "Amend by striking out the word 'fifty,' and inserting in lieu thereof the words, 'twenty-five.'"

The order was read and passed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1897," that the same ought to pass.

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Which reports were read and accepted, the bills each read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MERRILL of Somerset,

*Ordered*, That there be paid the folder and assistant folder of the Senate each the sum of fifty dollars extra, the same as has

been paid other employes of the Senate, and the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to make up their pay accordingly.

Which was read and passed.

Mr. HARGRAVES submitted the final report of the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills and resolves:

“An Act regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees;”

“An Act to amend section 18 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to election, qualifications and compensation of school committees;”

“An Act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency proceedings;”

“An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff;”

“An Act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes and the sale thereof to minors;”

“An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property;”

“An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1897;”

“An Act to provide for the expenditures of government for the year 1898;”

“An Act to amend section 8 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to paupers, their settlement and support;”

“An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners;”

“An Act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending section 54, chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes;”

"An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of highways;"

"An enabling act for the annexation of Deering to Portland;"

"An Act to amend section 2, chapter 169 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation;"

"Resolves for amendment to the Constitution relating to election of senators to fill vacancies;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Cattle Commission;"

"Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate;"

"Resolve providing for the payment of the contingent expenses of the legislature;"

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted and the resolves were finally passed, in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Washington,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that branch that the Senate has transacted all business before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

Which was read and passed, and the President requested the senator from Washington to convey the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, informing the Senate that the House had transacted all the business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin,

*Ordered*, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that both branches of the legislature have acted on all matters before them and are now ready to receive any communication he may be ready to make.

Which was read and passed and the President appointed:

Messrs. Savage of Androscoggin,

Merrill of Somerset,

Chamberlain of Lincoln.

Subsequently the foregoing order came up from the House, the committee joined as follows:

Messrs. Staples of Bridgton,  
Pierce of Frankfort,  
Andrews of Garland,  
Williams of Augusta,  
Mason of Bristol,  
Burton of Union,  
Hamilton of Mattawamkeag.

Mr. SAVAGE from the committee, subsequently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate with the two branches forthwith, through the Secretary of State, a list of the bills and resolves passed during the session, and he had no further communication to make.

Thereupon the Deputy Secretary of State, Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, came in and laid before the Senate the following communication:

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
AUGUSTA, March 27, 1897.

*To the President of the Senate:*

I have the honor to transmit herewith a list of the Acts and Resolves passed by the sixty-eighth legislature and approved by me, numbering 408 Acts and 131 Resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

[Signed] LLEWELLYN POWERS.

The President then, at 7 o'clock P. M., Saturday, March 27, 1897, declared the Senate of the sixty-eighth legislature adjourned without day.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.

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I certify that the foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Senate of the sixty-eighth legislature of the State of Maine.

Attest: KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.

## TITLES OF ACTS PASSED BY THE SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE AND APPROVED BY THE GOVER- NOR.

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### PUBLIC LAWS.

An Act in relation to the Bonds of Trustees and Guardians.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to contributions by Husbands and Fathers to the support of Wives and Children.

An Act to amend section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Forgery.

An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter sixty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to Migratory Fish.

An Act to amend section seventeen, chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in Divorce Proceedings.

An Act to amend section thirty-eight of chapter sixty-three of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in Probate Proceedings.

An Act to repeal section forty-two of chapter one hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to re-sentencing convicts sentenced to the State Prison.

An Act relating to Expenditures of the Railroad Commissioners.

An Act to amend section thirty-one of chapter eighty-three of the Revised Statutes, relating to Unpaid Executions issued by deceased Trial Justices.

An Act to amend section six of chapter seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to the January term of the County Commissioners' Court of Hancock County.

An Act to amend section four of chapter one hundred and twenty-four, Revised Statutes, relating to Polygamy.

An Act to amend section one of chapter two hundred and seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, relating to Clerk of Judicial Courts in Piscataquis County.

An Act additional to chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Railroads.

An Act to amend section eight, chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, providing for investments of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State.

An Act to amend section fifty-nine, paragraph six of said section of chapter three of the Revised Statutes, in relation to Town, Village and City by-laws and ordinances.

An Act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate of the County of Knox.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and sixty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the State Liquor Commissioner.

An Act in relation to suits by organized unincorporated Societies and Associations.

An Act in addition to chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of Libraries, Charitable Societies, and other like corporations.

An Act to amend rule four of section one of chapter seventy-five of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to Descent of Real Estate.

An Act relating to the salary of the County Commissioners of Cumberland County.

An Act to establish a bounty on Wildcats.

An Act to amend section one of chapter seventy-five of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and fifty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to title by descent.

An Act to amend Section four, Chapter two hundred and fifty-six of Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the sale and analysis of Commercial Fertilizers.

An Act to amend section seven of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section one of chapter three hundred and eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, relating to Fines and Forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts.

An Act in relation to Voluntary Trusts.

An Act relating to service of process on Foreign Corporations acting as trustees under mortgages.

An Act to provide for the better protection of Public Records.

An Act to permit Inland Game to be taken for park purposes in this State.

An Act relating to the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

An Act to create a lien on Leather.

An Act to regulate the taking of Eels and White Fish.

An Act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Lincoln.

An Act to amend section two of chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to Libels for Divorce.

An Act authorizing towns and cities to establish Sinking Funds.

An Act to create a lien on Spool Timber and Bars.

An Act to amend section sixteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to Itinerant Vendors.

An Act to amend sections one and two of chapter three hundred and fifty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, relating to the salary of the Treasurer of the County of Waldo.

An Act to amend section forty-four of chapter twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and fifty-three of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to Intoxicating Liquors.

An Act for the better protection of Girls.

An Act relating to appeals in case of damages for land taken for Ways.

An Act additional to chapter three hundred and fourteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the sale of land for Taxes.

An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trusts in public burial places, and providing for the record of deeds of burial lots.

An Act in relation to the disposition of Unclaimed Baggage by common carriers.

An Act amendatory and additional to chapter forty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the Bank Examiner.

An Act for the protection of Beaver.

An Act to amend section forty-five, chapter one hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Prison.

An Act relating to waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator, and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator, and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases.

An Act to amend section two of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act for the better protection of Sheep."

An Act to amend section two of chapter fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter ninety-four of Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to election of members of Board of Agriculture.

An Act to amend section sixty-nine of chapter eighty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to Auditors.

An Act to amend section eighteen of chapter forty-eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter eighty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to Corporations.

An Act relating to the costs in Municipal, Police and Trial Justice Courts.

An Act to grant the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game authority to destroy Mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State.

An Act to amend section six of chapter seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the County Commissioners' Court for the County of Lincoln.

An Act additional to chapter one hundred and five of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of real actions and rights of entry.

An Act relating to the April term of the Surpeme Judicial Court in the County of Aroostook.

An Act to amend section nineteen of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

An Act to amend chapter thirty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to Liens on Buildings.

An Act authorizing the establishment of Free Libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities.

An Act to amend section twenty-seven, chapter ninety-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Liens.

An Act to amend sections seven, nine and fourteen of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of Venires.

An Act to repeal chapter fifty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to amend section two of chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven," relating to the fortnightly payment of Wages.

An Act to amend section one hundred and two, chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, relating to the title of State Superintendent of Schools.

An Act to fix the compensation of the sheriff of the County of Franklin.

An Act to amend section forty-one of chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of Salmon in the Penobscot River above the water works dam at Bangor.

An Act to amend chapter seventy of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the Sales of Land for non-payment of taxes.

An Act in relation to the care of Convicts who are sick at the expiration of sentence.

An Act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter eighty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property.

An Act to amend section eleven, chapter forty-six of the Revised Statutes, relating to Clerks of Corporations.

An Act to amend section thirteen of chapter one hundred and forty-three of Revised Statutes, relating to duties of municipal officers relating to Insane Persons.

An Act to provide for filling vacancies of Trustees.

An Act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make report to the State Superintendent of Public Schools, who shall publish the same as a part of his annual report.

An Act to further regulate banking hours on Saturdays which are not Bank Holidays.

An Act to amend section thirty-one of chapter forty of Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty of Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five and by subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, relating to Migratory Fish and Fish Ways.

An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter two hundred and sixty-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to regulate the organization and control of street railroads."

An Act in relation to Suits for Taxes.

An Act to amend section seven, chapter two hundred forty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the use of Purse and Drag Seines in State waters.

An Act to amend section thirty-three of chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes on stock of banks and other corporations.

An Act additional to chapter one hundred and one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to Inspection of Buildings.

An Act to amend sections six and eight of chapter eighty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Indorsements of Writs.

An Act to amend section thirty-four of chapter three of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the duties of Municipal Officers.

An Act to authorize the Insurance Commissioner to revoke the license of an Insurance Agent or Broker.



An Act to amend section seventy-six of chapter one hundred and four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to Fish and Fisheries."

An Act to amend section forty-seven of chapter seventy-seven of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and seventy-seven of the Public Laws of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, in relation to the time of holding the September term of the Supreme Judicial Court, Piscataquis County.

An Act to establish Bank Holidays, and to abolish Days of Grace on commercial paper.

An Act to amend section eight, chapter eleven, of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as now amended, relating to Text Books, School Apparatus and repairs on School Buildings.

An Act to amend section sixty-seven of chapter eighty-one of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to Attachments.

An Act providing for the registration of Guides and to aid in the gathering of statistics relative to Inland Fish and Game.

An Act in relation to accidents upon Railroads and Street Railways.

An Act relating to the holding of terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in Franklin County.

An Act to provide for procuring statistics relating to the Poultry Industry in Maine.

An Act to amend section four of chapter fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes as amended by section two, chapter eighteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and to amend section five of chapter fifty-eight of Revised Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred twenty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to the Board of Agriculture.

An Act to provide for an investigation of the causes of Fires, and the publication of statistics relating to the same.

An Act to amend section two hundred and five of chapter six of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section eleven of chapter seventy of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to taxes.

An Act to amend sections six and nine of chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to Ways.

An Act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property, the title to which is disputed.

An Act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate in the County of Piscataquis.

An Act to amend section twelve of chapter sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mortgaging of Ward's estate by Guardians.

An Act additional to section one hundred and four, chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as now amended, relating to the duties of the State Superintendent of Schools.

An Act to amend sections fifty-nine, sixty and sixty-one of chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of Insurance Companies.

An Act to amend section eleven of chapter sixty-three of the Revised Statutes, relating to Probate Courts.

Chapter 276 is omitted from this publication by direction of the Legislature, its purpose being only to correct a clerical error in chapter 232, Public

Laws of 1897, which error has been corrected and the said chapter 232, printed in its amended form.

An Act to amend section forty-two of chapter ninety-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Inspection of Dams and Reservoirs.

An Act to amend section six of chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to Punishment for Intoxication.

An Act to regulate the packing of Sardines.

An Act to amend section thirteen of chapter three of the Revised Statutes, in relation to election of Town Officers.

An Act to amend sections three and eight of chapter eighty-six and section seventeen of chapter eighty-one, Revised Statutes, relating to the service of Trustee Writs.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and eighteen, Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to the Registration of Vital Statistics.

An Act to establish the standard weight of a bushel of Parsnips.

An Act to change the time of holding the October term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Waldo.

An Act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and sixteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the Schooling of Children in unorganized townships.

An Act to amend paragraph four of section six of chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Taxation of estate and property of religious societies.

An Act to amend sections eleven and fourteen, in chapter fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies.

An Act additional to section eighty-eight of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as now amended, relating to returns of Town Superintendents.

An Act to amend section thirty-two of chapter sixty-three of the Revised Statutes, relating to Compensation of Surviving Partners.

An Act relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime.

An Act to amend section forty-five of chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of Milk.

An Act relating to Transfers of Stock.

An Act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State Prison Physician.

An Act to amend section three, chapter eleven, of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children.

An Act relating to the employment of Superintendents of Schools.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the better protection of Sheep.

An Act amendatory of section nineteen of chapter twelve of the Revised Statutes, relating to Officers of Religious Societies.

An Act to amend section thirty-one of chapter eleven, Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as amended by chapters one hundred

of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, two hundred and twelve of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and two hundred and sixteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, defining course of study in Free High Schools.

An Act to amend section fifty-five of chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, in relation to sale of Pressed Hay.

An Act to amend section six of chapter one hundred and eleven of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter seventy-three of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to the recording of Assignments of Wages.

An Act to amend clause twenty-six of section six of chapter one of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to Corporations.

An Act to amend section twenty-nine of chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter thirty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to the Support of Paupers in unincorporated places.

An Act additional to chapter thirty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid.

An Act to amend chapter thirty and chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to Inland Fisheries and Game.

An Act to amend chapter sixty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act in relation to State Taxes on organized plantations taxed by the State as Wild Lands."

An Act to amend section one of chapter twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to Division Fences.

An Act to amend section one hundred and twelve of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter thirty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and by chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to Normal Schools and the Madawaska Training School.

An Act to prevent the reproduction of prize fights by Photographs.

An Act in relation to Political Caucuses in cities.

An Act to prevent the use of Diseased Meat for food purposes.

An Act to change the time of holding the October and January terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Washington.

An Act to regulate the sale of Agricultural Seeds.

An Act for the better preservation of Highways and accommodating Public Travel.

An Act for the promotion of Medical Education and the prevention of unauthorized uses of and traffic in Dead Human Bodies.

An Act to enforce the payment of State and County Taxes on Timber and Grass on reserved lands in this State.

An Act to amend section sixty of chapter twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to Intoxicating Liquors.

An Act to amend section nine of chapter three hundred and fifteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the salary of the Assistant Librarian of the Maine State Library.

An Act amendatory and additional to chapter forty-seven of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter sixty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen

hundred and eighty-seven, and to chapter two hundred and seventy-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to Loan and Building Associations.

An Act relating to Fraternal Beneficiary Organizations.

An Act to amend section five of chapter twenty-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of Truant Officers.

An Act relating to Suits on Promissory Notes.

An Act to amend section twenty-three of chapter seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission of Attorneys to the practice of Law.

An Act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of Apothecaries.

An Act to amend chapter seventy of the Revised Statutes, relating to Insolvency Proceedings.

An Act to amend section eight of chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter sixty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to Paupers, their settlement and support.

An Act to amend section eighteen of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as now amended, relating to election, qualifications and compensation of School Committees.

An Act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending section fifty-four, chapter eighty of the Revised Statutes.

An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of Highways.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and thirteen of the Revised Statutes, and chapter one hundred and thirty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, as amended by chapter three hundred and thirteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners.

An Act to correct a clerical error in chapter two hundred fifty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, relating to the recording of attachments of personal property.

An Act regulating the manner of electing Town Superintendents, and defining the powers and duties of School Committees.

An Act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors.

An Act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

## PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An Act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

An Act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company.

An Act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay a railroad track, lease its franchise, and other purposes.

An Act to amend "An Act establishing a Municipal Court in the Town of Waterville."

An Act in addition to and to amend chapter six hundred and thirty-four, Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended by chapter fifty, Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company.

An Act to amend section eleven of chapter two hundred and twenty-four of the Private and Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, relating to the Augusta Municipal Court.

An Act to repeal chapter five hundred and three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, to regulate the taking of fish in Narraguagus River.

An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company.

An Act to fix the term of office of the Police Officers of the City of Auburn.

An Act to provide for filling vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Maine General Hospital.

An Act to authorize the County of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor.

An Act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine.

An Act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and hold stock and bonds of other corporations.

An Act to amend Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to Glidden Water Company.

An Act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

An Act to legalize the doings of the County Commissioners of Penobscot County in making temporary loans and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds.

An Act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan Plantation.

An Act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company.

An Act additional to the act of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter four hundred and fifty-three, to establish a ferry across Penobscot

River, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips, as amended by the act of eighteen hundred and eighty, chapter two hundred and twenty-one.

An Act to provide in part for the Expenditures of Government.

An Act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln County, relating to land in Kennebec County in the Kennebec Registry.

An Act to establish a sinking fund for the County of Kennebec.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and seven of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the Vinalhaven Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house in Laks Maranocook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop.

An Act to amend the charter of the City of Westbrook.

An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco Bay, and bridges over tide water, in the Town of Harpswell.

An Act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company.

An Act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester, and to authorize the sale of its meeting house and lot.

An Act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot River.

An Act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook River.

An Act extending the charter of the Bangor Boom Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the City of Augusta.

An Act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect dams and make improvements upon the Big Machias River in the County of Aroostook.

An Act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot River.

An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook River and its tributaries, above the mouth of Beaver Brook.

An Act to extend the charter of the Castine Railway and Navigation Company, and to amend its charter and certain additions thereto.

An Act authorizing the City of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt.

An Act to divide the town of Deer Isle, and incorporate the Town of Stonington.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and seventy-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to fix the salary of the Recorder of the Municipal Court for the City of Portland."

An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter forty-eight of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Company."

An Act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company.

An Act to repeal chapter one hundred and nine of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-three, relating to the taking of Pick-erel in certain ponds.

An Act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Company for an additional two years.

An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company.

An Act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot River.

An Act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

An Act to amend "An Act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company."

An Act enabling the town of Yarmouth to build and maintain a bridge across the tide waters between the islands of Cousen's and Littlejohn's in said town of Yarmouth.

An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Pepperell Manufacturing Company.

An Act authorizing the City of Eastport to issue bonds.

An Act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation and Express Company.

An Act to amend section five of chapter one hundred and eighty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, relating to the Organization of Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

An Act in addition to acts to incorporate the Laconia Company.

An Act to authorize the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company to issue bonds and to make a mortgage securing the same, and to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to guarantee the payment of said bonds.

An Act to repeal so much of chapter four hundred and sixty-one of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An Act granting additional powers to the inhabitants of school district number five, in the town of Kennebunk," and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, as relates to the maintenance of schools and school houses.

An Act additional to and amendatory of an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company."

An Act to incorporate the Town of Oakfield.

An Act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company to make a loan.

An Act to change the name of the Saint Lawrence Street Congregational Parish, of Portland.

An Act relating to the incorporation of the Portland Female Provident Association.

An Act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company.

An Act to confirm the organization of the Hathorn Fancy Forging Company and change its name to that of the Hathorn Manufacturing Company.

An Act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company.

An Act to organize the Plantation of Criehaven.

An Act to authorize the Town of Richmond to purchase the property and franchises of the Richmond Water Company, and to incorporate the Richmond Water Commissioners.

An Act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized December sixteen, eighteen hundred and ninety-two under the Revised

Statutes of Maine, chapter fifty-five, as the Bangor General Hospital, and now named Eastern Maine General Hospital.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company."

An Act to extend the charter of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company.

An Act relating to the extension of time of charter of Bluehill Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Warren Water Company.

An Act to amend chapter five hundred and fifty of the Private Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mousam River Railroad Company."

An Act to amend the charter of the Brunswick Electric Railroad Company.

An Act to incorporate the Orono Water Company.

An Act to incorporate the Monson Water Company.

An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Winn Water and Power Company.

An Act to repeal chapter two hundred and twenty-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee Pond and its tributaries.

An Act to amend sections four and six of chapter three hundred and sixty-three of the Special Laws of eighteen hundred and fifty, relating to the election of City Assessors of the City of Belfast.

An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Hospital."

An Act to establish a Board of Fire Commissioners for the City of Auburn.

An Act to enable the Town of Dexter to establish a system of Water Works and Sewerage.

An Act relating to the Old Town Municipal Court.

An Act authorizing the governor and council to execute a contract for Water for the Maine State Prison.

An Act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Piscataqua River in the town of Eliot, county of York.

An Act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company, and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company.

An Act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company.

An Act relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company.

An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company.

An Act authorizing the Rumford Falls Lumber Company to hold stock and bonds of the Rumford Falls Brick Company.

An Act to change the name of the Alonzo Wing Library Association.

An Act relating to chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Company."



An Act to incorporate the Misery Stream Dam Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport Bridge.

An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Public Works.

An Act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Company.

An Act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes Pond, in the town of Bluehill, during certain months in the year.

An Act to incorporate the Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Company.

An Act to authorize the erection of Piers and Booms in the Mattawamkeag River at the Oxbow.

An Act to authorize the Madison Water Company to sell and convey its property and franchises to the Madison Village Corporation.

An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company.

An Act to incorporate the Hallowell Water Commissioners.

An Act to provide for the retirement of Police Officers of the City of Portland upon half pay.

An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company.

An Act to incorporate the Deer Isle Water Company.

An Act to incorporate the Kingfield Water Company.

An Act to confirm the organization of the New York Machine Company, and to enable it to aid in the construction of railroad tracks.

An Act relating to the Hallowell Water Company.

An Act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway.

An Act to amend section six of chapter four hundred thirteen of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and fifty, entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Hallowell."

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Farmington Village Corporation."

An Act relating to chapter one hundred and eighty-nine of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Company."

An Act granting Ernest E. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock.

An Act to incorporate the Sunny Side Cemetery Association.

An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Company.

An Act to prohibit the killing of Deer on Long Island.

An Act to regulate the shooting of Ducks on the Kennebec River and Merrymeeting Bay.

An Act to authorize the construction of a weir, in tide wates, on Sheep's Cove Ledge, in Pennamaquon River, in Pembroke, County of Washington.

An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company.

An Act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Company.

An Act to amend section thirteen of chapter four hundred and eighty-five of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and

as amended by chapter fifty-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and Newcastle Railroad Company.

An Act to authorize the County of Aroostook to make temporary loans.

An Act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf.

An Act additional relating to Hubbard Free Library of Hallowell.

An Act authorizing the Town of Kittery to raise money for the observance of its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

An Act in relation to the School Committee of the City of Portland.

An Act granting a new charter to the city of Portland.

An Act to amend section four of chapter three hundred and eight of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by Section one, Chapter two hundred and thirty-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Thorn Brook Dam Company."

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and twenty-nine of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An Act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine," as amended by chapter three hundred and eleven of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as amended by chapter two hundred and fourteen of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty, and as amended by chapter one hundred and six of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

An Act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railway.

An Act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company.

An Act to permit the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and to enlarge its purpose to include aid for Needy Girls.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company.

An Act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Company, incorporated under chapter five hundred and twenty-four of the Private and Special Laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

An Act to incorporate the Northern Development Company.

An Act to legalize the doings of School District Number Five in the town of Falmouth, and of the trustees of the Crispus Graves Fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building, erected out of said fund, in said district.

An Act to extend, and additional to the charter of the Oakland Water Company.

An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

An Act to incorporate the Southport, Boothbay Harbor and Boothbay Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act relating to the taking of Alewives in Bagaduce River and Walker's Pond.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and ninety-three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company."

An Act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway.

An Act to amend "An Act authorizing the City of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt," approved February eighteen, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

An Act to incorporate the Franklin, Somerset and Kennebec Railway Company.

An Act to provide for the retirement of members of the Fire Department of the City of Portland upon half pay.

An Act to repeal chapter five hundred and eighty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and chapter sixty-five of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to Swett's Pond, Field's Pond and Brewer's Pond in Orrington.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

An Act amendatory of and additional to chapter five hundred and ninety-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Company."

An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company.

An Act to legalize the incorporation of Wales Grange, Number Forty, Patrons of Husbandry.

An Act to establish the Maine Polyclinic.

An Act to incorporate the Lamoine Beach Water Company.

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to negotiate a loan for the payment of land damages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest Avenue, in the City of Deering, in said county.

An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Company to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power.

An Act authorizing the Town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation.

An Act to authorize the Maine Pulp and Paper Company to generate, sell, supply, distribute and transmit electricity for power and heating.

An Act to amend chapter five hundred six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Deering," as amended by chapter four hundred thirty-nine of Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and by chapter six hundred thirty-three of Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and by chapter two hundred thirty-eight of Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

An Act to extend an act, entitled "An Act to supply the people of South Gardiner Village in the City of Gardiner, with pure water."

An Act to amend an act incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act to incorporate the Machias Lake Dam and Improvement Company.

An Act to incorporate the Kittery and Eliot Street Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of the same across navigable tide waters.

An Act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

An Act to amend section one, chapter twenty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to the taxation of plantations Letter E, twenty-seven, Franklin, E, Franklin County and

Lang, forty-five Franklin, two, Range three, West Bingham's Kennebec Purchase.

An Act relating to chapter three hundred twenty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Kennebago Railroad Company."

An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter twenty-nine, Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company."

An Act additional to, and to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Company.

An Act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

An Act to repeal chapter four hundred sixty-three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, relating to the taking of Bass in Winnegance Creek.

An Act to repeal chapter one hundred ninety-seven of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to taking fish in Marble Brook and Pond.

An Act to increase the efficiency of the Local Board of Health of the Town of Eden.

An Act to abate the County Taxes assessed on Lang Plantation since its organization and now remaining unpaid.

An Act to repeal chapter two hundred and forty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to prevent the use of narrow rimmed wheels on Greenfield road in town of Greenbush."

An Act relating to and amendatory of chapter two hundred thirteen, Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one entitled "An Act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Company."

An Act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company.

An Act to amend chapter three hundred and fifty-three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, relating to the Bluehill Water Company.

An Act to amend section eight of chapter three hundred and ninety-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended by chapter two hundred and four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the charter of the Deer Isle Telephone Company.

An Act to incorporate the Old Town Gas Light and Power Company.

An Act to enable the County of Sagadahoc to rebuild the Merrymeeting Bay Bridge, to issue bonds therefor and to make it and Arrowsic Bridge free.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company.

An Act to amend section one of chapter two hundred and ninety-seven of the Private and Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, relating to dyke in town of Milbridge.

An Act relating to the crossings in the new highway in Ashland and Sheridan Plantation by the branch track and log spur of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad.

An Act to incorporate the York Sewer Company.

An Act relating to the catching of smelts in Damariscotta River.

An Act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to lease a connecting railroad, which may be built from Limestone.

An Act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland county, to aid in the construction of its railway.

An Act to give to the Oxford Light Company certain powers not granted by the general law.

An Act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company.

An Act to set off a part of the town of Rome and annex the same to the town of Belgrade.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Castine Water Company."

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to revise and amend the charter of the City of Calais."

An Act to amend section three of chapter one hundred and fifty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act in relation to the municipal court of the City of Portland."

An Act additional relating to the appointment of a Recorder for the Bath Municipal Court.

An Act to repeal chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to the taking of fish from Bunganeaut Pond.

An Act to extend the charter of the Portland and Yarmouth Electric Railway Company, and enable it to cross navigable tide waters.

An Act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

An Act to establish Wards and Ward Lines in the City of Augusta.

An Act to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to establish the Sanford Municipal Court.

An Act to incorporate the new City Hall Commission of Waterville under the name of the City Hall Commission.

An Act to legalize the acts of Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish.

An Act to amend sections four and five of chapter six hundred and thirty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, establishing a municipal court for the City of Lewiston, as amended.

An Act to incorporate the Little Speneceer Dam and Improvement Company.

An Act to permit the Patten and Sherman Railroad Company to sell or lease its road.

An Act relating to the Portland Railroad Company.

An Act to amend the city charter of the City of Biddeford.

An Act to authorize the Saint John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll bridges across the Saint John River.

An Act to authorize the Bath Gas and Electric Company to issue additional bonds.

An Act additional to the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway.

An Act to incorporate the Harpswell Village Corporation.

An Act additional to the act incorporating the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An Act authorizing the town of Lebanon to contract with the city of Rochester, New Hampshire, to supply the village of Lebanon with Water for fire and domestic use.

An Act authorizing the construction of a town way or highway over and across the tide waters of Webhannet River in Wells.

An Act to incorporate the town of Perham.

An Act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island.

An Act relating to the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Courts of the cities of Biddeford and Saco.

An Act for the assessment of a State Tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, amounting to the sum of nine hundred and five thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars and forty-nine cents.

An Act for the assessment of a State Tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, amounting to the sum of nine hundred and five thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars and forty-nine cents.

An Act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to amend section five of chapter two hundred twenty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-five, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company.

An Act to repeal certain old and obsolete Private and Special Laws relating to close time for fishing in the public waters of the State.

An Act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Company.

An Act to authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for use, lease or sale, heat, light and power.

An Act to determine the privileges of graduates of the State College.

An Act to amend section eight of chapter three hundred nineteen of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred ninty-five, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company."

An Act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company.

An Act in reference to trustees of State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

An Act to amend chapter three hundred and sixty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven entitled "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company."

An Act to amend chapter two hundred fourteen of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-three, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company, as amended by chapter seventy-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven, and by chapter four hundred eighty-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-nine, and by chapter six hundred twenty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-three.

An Act to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis River and its tributaries.

An Act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Company.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-five, which is an act to incorporate the Long Pond Dam Company.

An Act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor, over a route to be fixed by the municipal officers.

An Act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company.

An Act to incorporate the Damariscotta and Bristol Telephone Company.

An Act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, number three hundred and sixteen, was organized.

An Act additional to and amendatory of chapter six hundred and thirty-four, Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended by chapter fifty, Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Railway.

An Act to extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company.

An Act to amend section seven of chapter one hundred and eighty, Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, relating to organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maine.

An Act to amend section two, chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation.

An Enabling Act for the annexation of Deering to Portland.

An Act to provide in part for the Expenditures of Government.

An Act to provide for the Expenditures of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight

## RESOLVES.

Resolve in favor of the Committee of the Senate appointed to attend the funeral of Ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis.

Resolve in favor of the Committee appointed by the House to attend the funeral of Ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis.

Resolve providing for State Pensions for Invalid Soldiers and Sailors, their widows and orphans, and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors, eligible thereto under existing law.

Resolve in favor of Atienne Lewi, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in relation to the claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in defence of the United States.

Resolve making appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of Tuberculosis, for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

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Resolve in favor of Horace Nicalo, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of committee on Eastern Insane Hospital.

Resolve providing for the payment to the city of Rockland the amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school fund for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, on account of an imperfect school return.

Resolve in favor of the Training and Normal School at Fort Kent.

Resolve in favor of appropriation for the Maine Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for women and children at Deering.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library, for the years eighteen hundred ninety-seven and eighteen hundred ninety-eight.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum in Portland.

Resolve in favor of Cyrus Knapp and John A. Rowell, executors of the last will and testament of Abbie B. Downing.

Resolve in favor of Town of Linneus.

Resolve in favor of the Legislative Committees and members of Senate and House authorized to visit the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.



- Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor.
- Resolve in favor of Farmington State Normal School.
- Resolve in favor of the town of Forest City, to aid in building one-half the Bridge between Maine and New Brunswick, in Forest City.
- Resolve for payment of back salary of a guard at the State Prison.
- Resolve relating to a settling lot in Drew Plantation.
- Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education.
- Resolve in favor of the chairman of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.
- Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the Inland Fish and Game Laws, and to aid in the propagation of Inland Fish and Game.
- Resolve relating to the publication of a Map of the State of Maine.
- Resolves authorizing a Temporary loan for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.
- Resolves authorizing a Temporary Loan for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.
- Resolve in favor of aid in building a bridge across Sandy Stream in Lexington Plantation.
- Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge across Macwahoc Stream, in Macwahoc Plantation, County of Aroostook.
- Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.
- Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal School.
- Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries.
- Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Prison.
- Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.
- Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.
- Resolve in favor of Lincoln Plantation Number Five, Range Two, Oxford County.
- Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates.
- Resolve in aid of repairing the bridge across the Narraguagus River in the town of Milbridge.
- Resolve in favor of Maine State Prison.
- Resolve in favor of the Committee on Military Affairs.
- Resolve authorizing the County of York to procure a loan.
- Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.
- Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows.
- Resolve in favor of Josiah T. McLellan of Gorham.
- Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.
- Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.
- Resolve in favor of Calais Academy.
- Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian Township, Washington County.
- Resolve in favor of George M. Coombs.
- Resolve to repair the Forks Bridge in The Forks Plantation, Somerset County.
- Resolve in favor of State Pension Clerk expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council.

Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Maine.

Resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy.

Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine.

Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag River at Kingman.

Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy.

Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth Academy.

Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy.

Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy.

Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal School.

Resolve in favor of Castine State Normal School.

Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy.

Resolve in favor of the Town of Brunswick.

Resolve in favor of the City of Calais.

Resolve in favor of a road in Dallas Plantation.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge now existing across the Molunkus Stream in Macwahoc Plantation, County of Aroostook.

Resolve in aid of Wiscasset Bridge.

Resolve in favor of a road in Jerusalem Plantation.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge across Mattawamkeag River in the town of Haynesville, County of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Reform School.

Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol.

Resolve in favor of the town of Peru.

Resolves in favor of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Resolve in favor of the executors of the will of Cyrus Cole.

Resolve in favor of building a bridge over the Daigle Brook in the Town of Van Buren and County of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of the town of Cutler for repairs on Highways and Bridges.

Resolve in favor of Freedom Academy.

Resolve accepting the legacy to the State of Maine by the will of Joseph H. Williams of Augusta, for the benefit of the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of the Hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Portland School for the Deaf.

Resolve in favor of the Town of York.

Resolve that the Land Agent be empowered and directed to convey Settlers Lots in Wallagrass Plantation.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation to aid in erecting a High School Building in the Town of Frenchville in the County of Aroostook.

- Resolves in favor of the City of Calais.
- Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland, Maine.
- Resolve in favor of Breakwater at Mattawamkeag Bridge.
- Resolve in favor of Children's Aid Society of Maine.
- Resolve in favor of the Town of Topsfield.
- Resolves in aid of the Maine Gettysburg Commission.
- Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.
- Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.
- Resolve in favor of heirs of John Robertson.
- Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the Town of Hollis.
- Resolve in favor of granting aid in repairing and maintaining Babbitt Ridge road in town of Moscow.
- Resolve providing for the preservation of Regimental Rolls in the Adjutant General's Office.
- Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute.
- Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.
- Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysburg Commission.
- Resolve in favor of Olaf Nilson.
- Resolve providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipage for Company M, First Regiment, National Guard State Militia, and Company M, Second Regiment, National Guard State Militia.
- Resolve for the purpose of repairing the church of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.
- Resolve in aid of building a Bridge over Dickey Brook in Frenchville in the County of Aroostook.
- Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago.
- Resolve providing for the expenses of the Governor and Staff while attending the ceremonies relating to the formal transfer of the Grant Monument to the City of New York.
- Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.
- Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim for Don H. Powers and A. G. Sorosis, M. D., against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morris.
- Resolve in favor of purchase and distribution of Photographic Views.
- Resolve in favor of summer training school for teachers and the distribution of educational documents.
- Resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard.
- Resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of the York Deeds.
- Resolve requesting the senators and representatives in congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at some port on the coast of Maine.
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- Resolve to care for the unfinished buildings of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Ex-Governor King lot, in Oak Grove Cemetery in the city of Bath.

Resolves for amendment to the Constitution relating to election of senators to fill vacancies.

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Resolve providing for the payment of the Contingent expenses of the Legislature.

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## SENATE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

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After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

1st. House papers not acted on; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. The reception and reference of petitions, and such other papers as require action by a committee.

4th. Orders.

5th. The first reading of bills and resolves printed under the rules.

6th. The reports of committees, and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

7th. Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

8th. Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

9th. Orders of the day.

When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but,

1st. To adjourn.

2d. To reconsider.

3d. To lay on the table.

4th. To postpone to a day certain.

5th. To commit.

6th. To amend.

7th. To postpone indefinitely.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the House shall have precedence of each other in the following order:

1st. To recede.

2d. To concur.

3d. To insist.

4th. To adhere.

A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

The name of the senator presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances should be endorsed on the back thereof, *near the bottom*, with the name of the county which he represents.

The senator presenting an *order* should put his name thereto, on the inside at the bottom of the page, on the left, with the name of the county which he represents.

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## RULES.

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1. The president shall take the chair at the time to which the senate stands adjourned; but in case of his absence at such time, the secretary shall preside until a president *pro tempore* be chosen.

2. At the first session of each day, on the appearance of a quorum, the journal of the preceding day shall be read; and the president shall ascertain whether a quorum is present before such reading.

3. When the president speaks he shall address the senate; when a senator speaks he shall stand in his place and address the president.

4. The president, when he speaks to any member of the senate, and the members, when referring to each other in debate, shall use in their addresses the title of *senator*, and by way of distinction name the county in which he resides.

5. The president shall have the right to name a senator to perform the duties of the chair during his absence; but the substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

6. The president shall rise to put a question, and shall declare all votes, but if any senator doubt the vote, all those voting in the affirmative, when called upon by the president, shall rise and stand until they are counted, and also those in the negative, in like manner, to make the vote certain.

7. The president shall consider a motion to adjourn as always first in order, and is shall be decided without debate.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to reconsider, to lay on the table, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

9. A motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the president or any senator, and shall then be deemed to be in possession of the senate, to be disposed of by the senate; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before the decision, or any amendment be made to it.

10. No senator shall address the senate until recognized by the president, nor more than once to the exclusion of any other senator, without leave of the senate, if objection is made, unless he be the mover of the matter under debate, and not then more than three times without leave.

11. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment; nor shall an amendment proposing to ingraft a general provision of law upon a private bill be in order; nor any amendment beyond the second degree.

12. An amendment proposed may be amended before it is adopted, but not afterwards, unless the vote adopting it be first reconsidered, and no senator shall be competent to move any reconsideration unless he voted with the majority and upon the same or a succeeding day; and a motion to reconsider any vote shall not be laid upon the table unless a time shall be specially assigned for its consideration.

13. A motion to consider shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn, but if made while another question is pending, it shall not be put until the other question is disposed of, but simply entered.

14. Questions of order shall be decided by the president without debate; but if an appeal is taken, the same may be debated like other questions, and the decision thereon shall be entered upon the journal.

15. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division shall be divided whenever desired by any member.

16. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

17. Every paper shall be once read at the table before any senator shall be obliged to vote on it, but when the reading of a paper is called for, that has been before read to the senate, if any senator object, the question shall be determined by the senate.

18. All bills and resolves in the second reading shall be committed to the committee on bills in the second reading, to be by them examined, corrected, and so reported to the senate.

19. Upon a second reading of a bill or resolve, after the same shall be read through, and before the question is put on its passage, it shall be read and considered by paragraphs, at the request of any member of the senate; and no bill or resolve shall have a second reading unless a time (not less than one hour after the first reading) be assigned therefor.

20. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed without being twice read; and all bills and resolves, immediately after the same shall have been engrossed, shall be committed to the committee on engrossed bills, whose duties shall be to examine the same, and to see that the same have been truly engrossed; and before any bill shall pass to be enacted, or any resolve be finally passed, it shall be reported by the committee for the examination of engrossed bills to be truly and strictly engrossed, and the title thereof be read by the president.

21. No resolve of any kind, or order making any grant of money, lands, or other public property shall be passed without being read on two several days; the time for the second reading shall be assigned by the senate.

22. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

1st. House papers not acted upon; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.



3d. The reception and reference of petitions and such other papers as require action by a committee.

4th. Orders.

5th. The first reading of bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the rules.

6th. Reports of committees, and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

7th. Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

8th. Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

9th. Orders of the day.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to number bills and resolves in the order in which they shall be reported by said committee, and enter them upon the calendar in such order. They shall be taken up for their second reading and passage to be engrossed, or other disposition, in the order in which they stand upon the calendar. When a bill or resolve, after it is put on the calendar, is laid on the table, and no time assigned for its further consideration, it shall go to the foot of the calendar as it then stands. Papers from the House, concerning which there has been a disagreeing vote of the two houses, shall be disposed of before commencing with the calendar. This rule shall not apply to or interfere with motions to reconsider, or special assignments or other privileged questions.

23. When the yeas and nays are taken, the names of the senators shall be called alphabetically.

24. After a question is put to vote, no senator shall speak on it. Every senator who may be present shall vote unless excused by the senate, or excluded by interest.

25. The unfinished business, in which the senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have precedence in the orders of the day.

26. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the house without notice thereof being given to the senate by the president.

27. Every member who shall present a petition shall place his name thereon and a brief statement of its subject.

28. All confidential communications made by the governor to the senate, shall be by the members thereof kept inviolably sacred until the senate shall by their resolution take off the injunction of secrecy.

29. No rule shall be dispensed with, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

30. Any member of the senate may exchange seats on consulting the president and obtaining his permission.

31. No member shall absent himself from the senate without leave, unless there be a quorum left present.

32. All committees shall be nominated by the president (unless when it may be determined that the election shall be by ballot,) and appointed by the senate.

33. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

On bills in second reading.

On engrossed bills.

to consist of twelve members each. Any one of the first and any two of the second shall constitute a quorum.

34. No member of the senate shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

35. All messages from the senate to the house, and to the governor, or governor and council, shall be carried by the secretary, unless the senate shall direct some other mode of transmission, and all papers shall be transmitted to the governor and council and the house by the secretary or his assistant.

36. The senate may at any time, upon motion, by a vote of a majority of the members present, resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering any subject named in the motion; and a chairman shall be appointed by the president. If a message is announced while the senate is in such committee, the president shall resume the chair for the purpose of receiving it; immediately after which the committee shall proceed, until dissolved in the usual manner.

37. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Reed's Rules, and Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies, shall govern the senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules of the senate, or of the joint rules of the two houses.

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## JOINT RULES.

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I. The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz:

- On the judiciary,
- On legal affairs,
- On financial affairs,
- On federal relations,
- On education,
- On railroads, telegraphs and expresses,
- On commerce,
- On mercantile affairs and insurance,
- On banks and banking,
- On manufactures,
- On agriculture,
- On military affairs,
- On interior waters,
- On state lands and state roads,
- On ways and bridges,
- On inland fisheries and game,
- On shore fisheries,
- On shore fisheries,
- On counties,
- On towns,
- On Indian affairs,
- On claims,
- On pensions,
- On insane hospital,
- On reform school,
- On state prison,
- On public buildings,
- On library,
- On state college of agriculture and the mechanic arts,
- On mines and mining,
- On temperance,
- On labor,
- On taxation.

And each of said committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

2. Joint select committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, unless the order creating the same shall provide a different number.

3. Whenever a select committee shall be appointed by either house, and be joined by the other, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house, as the case may be, to transmit, one to the other, the names of the members so joined, in order that they may be entered upon the journal of each house.

4. In presenting a report upon any matter referred to a committee, such report shall set forth the subject referred, and the substance shall also be briefly endorsed on the back of the same.

5. Orders directing inquiry in relation to an existing statute shall state the subject matter of such statute—also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed.

6. The title of all bills and resolves shall state, briefly, the subject matter of the same.

7. The enacting clause of every bill shall follow its title, in these words, viz:

*“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:”*

All bills and resolves reported by any joint committee shall be written in a fair, legible hand, on not less than a sheet of paper. And in all bills having more than one section, the sections shall be consecutively numbered, beginning with “Section 1.”

Mistakes in bills and resolves, merely clerical, may be corrected upon suggestion, without a motion to amend.

8. When a bill, resolve, or order, which shall have passed one house, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which the same shall have passed, by the secretary or clerk, as the case may be. And every bill that shall have passed both houses to be enacted, and all resolutions having the force of law, that shall have finally passed both houses, shall be presented by the secretary of the senate to the governor for his approval; and the secretary of the senate shall enter on the journal of the senate the day on which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the governor.

9. All endorsements on papers, while on their passage between the two houses, shall be under the signature of the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house, respectively; but after the final passage of bills and resolves, they shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house.

10. Every bill or resolve reported in either house by a committee, or laid upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both houses, before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table.

11. Whenever any document shall be printed for the use of the legislature, the number of copies shall be five hundred, unless otherwise ordered. The copies printed shall be delivered to the messengers of the two houses in the proportion of one-fourth for the use of the senate and

three-fourths for the use of the house, after reserving one hundred copies for the departments and for binding, and twenty copies for the committee having the same under consideration.

12. No business shall be transacted in convention of the two houses unless by unanimous consent, except such as may be agreed upon before the convention is formed.

13. Committees of reference shall consist of three members on the part of each house, representing its vote, and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through another committee of conference.

14. When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration; and no measure containing the same subject matter shall be introduced during the session unless three days' notice is given to the house of which the mover is a member.

15. Whenever a message shall be sent from the senate to the house, it shall be announced at the door by the messenger of the senate, and it shall be communicated respectfully to the chair by the bearer of it. In like manner messages from the house shall be communicated to the senate—the messenger of the house announcing them at the door of the senate.

16. No joint rule or order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present in each house.

17. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either branch of the legislature, nor in committee, whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved.

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- “ 15. Not to speak out of seat.
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### DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SPEAKER.

1. It shall be the duty of the speaker to take the chair at the hour to which the house shall have adjourned, call the members to order, and after the appearance of a quorum, cause the journal of the preceding day to be read;

To announce the business before the house in the order in which it is to be acted upon;

To receive and submit to vote all motions and propositions regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of proceedings, and announce the result;

To restrain the members, when engaged in debate, within the rules of order, and to enforce on all occasions, the observance of order and decorum among the members;

To decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house;

To receive all messages and other communications and announce them to the house;

To authenticate by his signature bills that have passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed;

To name the members who are to serve on committees, unless the house otherwise direct;

To appoint the member who shall take the chair when the house has determined to go into committee of the whole;

And to name a member to perform his duties during his absence for a time not exceeding the remainder of the day.

2. The speaker may address the house on points of order, in preference to other members; and may vote in all cases.

### DUTIES OF THE CLERK.

3. The clerk shall keep a journal of what is done by the house; read papers when required by the house or speaker; call the roll alphabetically, and note the answers of members, when the house orders or when a question is taken by yeas and nays; notify committees of their appointment and of the business referred to them; authenticate by his signature all the orders and proceedings of the house not authenticated by the speaker; have charge of all the documents and papers of every kind confided to the care of the house; bear all messages and transmit all papers from the house to the governor or to the senate, unless the house shall otherwise order; make up the pay-roll of the members; and in the

absence of the speaker at the hour for meeting, shall preside until speaker *pro tem.* be chosen; and at the close of the session shall file in an orderly manner all papers and documents in possession of the house, passed upon or received during the session; and at the commencement of the next legislature shall preside until the election of speaker; and record the doings of the house until a new clerk shall be chosen and qualified; and in the absence of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall be clerk *pro tempore*, with power to appoint an assistant.

#### CHAPLAINS.

4. Every morning, the house, on assembling, shall join with the chaplains in religious service.

5. The chaplains may change duties with each other or with the chaplains of the senate.

#### MONITORS.

6. One monitor shall be appointed by the speaker for each division of the house, whose duty shall be to see to the observance of the rules of the house, and on demand of the speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division.

7. If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the house, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the house.

#### COMMITTEES.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, whose duty shall be to consider all subjects referred to them and report thereon:

On ways and means,  
On leave of absence,  
On bills in the third reading,  
On engrossed bills,  
On elections,

To consist of seven members each.

On county estimates,

To consist of one member from each county.

On business of the house,

To consist of three members.

9. In all elections by ballot, of committees of the house, the persons having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman. In case two or more persons receive the same number of votes, the committee by a majority of their number shall elect a chairman.

#### RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

10. The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session shall be his during the session, unless he shall have leave of the speaker to change it.

11. No member shall sit at the desk of the speaker or clerk, except by the permission of the speaker.

12. When two or more members rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the person to speak, but in all cases the member who shall rise first and address the chair shall speak first.

13. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except to call to order or correct a mistake.

14. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without first asking leave of the house.

15. No member shall speak out of his place without leave from the chair, nor without first rising and addressing the speaker; and he shall sit down as soon as he has done speaking.

16. No member shall act as counsel for any party, before a joint committee of the legislature, or a committee of the house.

17. No member shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another, while any member is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the speaker of the house and the person speaking; or stand in an alley, or sit or stand covered, during the session of the house.

18. Every member shall make out and deliver to the clerk or to the committee on pay-roll a statement of the number of miles usually travelled in going from his residence to the seat of government.

19. Every member who shall neglect to give his attendance to the house for more than six days after the session commences shall, on making his appearance therein, be held to render the reason of such neglect; and in case the reason assigned shall be deemed by the house sufficient, such member shall be entitled to receive pay for his travel, and not otherwise; and no member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the house; and no member shall have such leave, unless it be reported by the committee on leave of absence; and no leave of absence shall avail any member who retains his seat more than five days from the time the same was obtained.

20. Any member having obtained leave of absence, and having in his possession any papers relating to the business before the house, shall leave the same with the clerk.

21. When any member shall be guilty of a breach of any of the rules and orders of the house, and the house has determined he has so transgressed, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, unless by way of excuse for the same, until he has made satisfaction.

22. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put where he is not excluded by interest shall give his vote, unless the house for special reasons shall excuse him, and when yeas and nays are ordered, no member shall leave his seat until the vote is declared. In all elections by the house, or in joint ballot of the two houses, no member shall leave his seat, after voting, before a return of the house is had.

23. When the galleries shall be ordered to be cleared or shut, the matter which may occasion such order shall be kept secret by each member, until the house shall order such injunction of secrecy to be taken off.

24. No person not a member or officer of the house, except members of the senate, its secretary and assistants, the governor and council, state treasurer, secretary of state, land agent, adjutant general, judges of the supreme judicial courts, chaplains of the senate and reporters of the proceedings and debates of the house, shall be admitted within the representatives' hall, unless invited by some member of the house.

#### PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

25. After reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

1st. Senate papers, and first reading of accompanying bills and resolves.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. Reception of petitions, bills and resolves requiring reference to any committee.

4th. Orders.

5th. Reports of committees and first reading of bills or resolves.

6th. Bills and resolves reported by committee on bills in the third reading, and on their passage to be engrossed.

7th. Bills on their passage to be enacted.

8th. Orders of the day.

The speaker shall announce each item of business in its turn, and no paper shall be taken up out of its regular order, except, by the unanimous consent of the house. The orders of the day shall take precedence of all other business at the expiration of the morning hour.

26. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make up daily a calendar of bills, resolves and other papers, assigned for that day's consideration, and also a calendar of bills and resolves which have had their first reading, and showing the disposition of that has been made of each.

27. The unfinished business in which the house was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have preference in the orders of the day and shall continue to be among the orders of the day for each succeeding day until disposed of, and no motion or other business shall be received, without special leave of the house, until the former is disposed of.

28. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but—

1st. To adjourn.

2d. To lay on the table.

3d. For the previous question.

4th. To commit.

5th. To postpone to a day certain.

6th. To amend.

7th. To postpone indefinitely.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the senate shall have precedence of each other in the following order:

- 1st. To recede.
- 2d. To concur.
- 3d. To insist.
- 4th. To adhere.

29. A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

30. A vote to lay a proposition on the table shall not preclude the further consideration of it on the same day.

31. When motion for the previous question is made, the consent of one-third of the members present shall be necessary to authorize the speaker to entertain it. No debate shall be allowed until the matter of consent is determined. The previous question shall be submitted in the following words: *Shall the main question be put now?* No member shall speak more than five minutes on the motion for the previous question, and while that question is pending a motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate. A call for the yeas and nays, or for division of a question, shall be in order after the main question has been ordered to be put. After the adoption of the previous question, the vote shall be taken forthwith upon amendments, and then upon the main question.

32. Propositions to amend by striking out and inserting dates, numbers and sums, are not divisible; but all propositions, otherwise divisible, shall be divided at the request of any ten members. A motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendments, nor a motion to strike out and insert.

33. In filling blanks and assigning times for the consideration of business, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

34. When a proposition consists of several paragraphs or sections, amendment of one of them shall not preclude amendment of a prior paragraph or section.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

36. After a motion or order is stated or read by the speaker, and seconded, it shall be regarded as in the possession of the house, and shall be disposed of by vote of the house. But any motion or order may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn except by consent of the house.

37. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if required by the speaker or by any member.

38. No member shall be permitted to lay a motion in writing on the table, until he shall have read the same in his place.

39. When a vote having been declared by the speaker, is doubted, the members for and against the question, when called on by the speaker, shall rise and stand till they are counted, and the vote made certain without further debate. But a call for the yeas and nays shall be in order at any time before such a vote is made certain and declared.

40. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall not be in order for any member who voted in the minority to move a reconsideration thereof; but any member who voted with the majority, or in the negative on a tie vote, may move to reconsider on the same or succeeding day. A motion to reconsider shall not be postponed or laid on the table without a certain time assigned for its further consideration. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, the vote shall not be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider shall not be in order more than once on the same question.

41. When a member shall move, or give notice of his intention to move, a reconsideration of any vote, the papers to which the motion relates shall remain in possession of the clerk until the question of reconsideration shall have been decided, or the right to move such a question is lost.

42. In all elections by ballot, of the house, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

43. When the reading of a paper is called for which has been before read to the house, and the same is objected to by any member, the question of reading shall be determined by a vote of the house.

44. Every question of order which shall be decided on appeal shall be entered on the journal of the house with the decision thereon.

45. A proposition to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court, as provided by the constitution, shall not be acted upon until the next day after such proposition is made.

46. All petitions, memorials and other papers, addressed to the house, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be endorsed with the name of the person presenting it, and the subject matter of the same. They shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and shall be taken up in the order they were first presented, unless the house shall otherwise direct.

47. All bills in their third reading, and resolves in their second reading shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined and corrected.

48. All resolves appropriating money or land, shall have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following that of their first reading.

49. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills to be strictly examined; and if found by them to be truly and strictly engrossed, they shall so report to the house, and the question shall be taken without any further reading, unless on motion of any member, a majority of the house shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

50. Every bill or resolve, providing for the grant of money, land, or other public property, which may be laid on the table by leave, and any report of a committee upon any bill or resolve providing for such grant, shall be accompanied by a written statement of facts in each case; and no such bill or resolve shall be considered before such statement is made, or pass without being read on two several days.

51. No new bill or resolve of a public nature shall be received, except it be reported by a committee, unless the house otherwise order; and all bills and resolves not reported by a committee, shall be laid upon the table for one day, before further action thereon.

52. No act or resolve shall be passed affecting the rights of individuals or corporations, without previous notice to such individuals or corporations.

53. No bill shall pass to be engrossed until it shall have had three several readings; the time for the second and third readings shall be assigned by the house; but if no objection is made, the second reading may be by the title, and at the time of the first. Every resolve which shall require the approval of the governor, shall have two several readings; and the second reading shall be subject to the provisions of the third reading of bills.

54. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the senate, without notice thereof being given to the house by the speaker.

55. When a bill or resolve shall be returned by the governor with his objections, the question shall be stated by the chair, *Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the governor?* and the same in substance in case of a resolve; which question may be postponed to a day within the session, not exceeding one week, or may be committed. But no other question shall apply to bills and resolves originating in either branch.

56. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual excepting section 51, relating to the reception of petitions, shall govern the house in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house, and the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

57. No rule or order of the house shall be dispensed with, unless two-thirds of the members present shall consent thereto.

58. No rule or order of the house shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any new standing rule or order be adopted, unless one day's previous notice thereof be given in each case; and such notice shall be entered on the journal.

## MEMORANDA.

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1. Orders, motions in writing, and reports of committees should never be presented on less than a half sheet of paper.
2. When a *report* of a committee is made to either house it should be accompanied by the *order* or other paper appointing said committee to consider the subject.
3. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from towns in their *corporate capacity*, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of town of—*," [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
4. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from individuals should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of— and others of the town of—*," [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
5. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from corporations should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of—*," [naming the corporation and stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
6. The name of the member presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances, should be endorsed on the back thereof, *near the bottom*, with the county in which he resides.
7. The member presenting an *order* should put his name thereto on the inside, at the bottom of the page, on the left, with the county in which he resides.
8. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances, on which *leave to withdraw* was ordered by a former legislature, cannot be recalled from the files, with a view of being again referred. The *original*, however, may be taken from the files, and the *subject* presented *de novo*.
9. Bills and resolves *refused a passage, rejected or postponed indefinitely* by a former legislature, cannot be called from the files with a view of being considered by the present legislature.



10. The heading or caption of *bills* should be as follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and——

An Act——

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* as follows:

11. The caption of *resolves*, as follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

[*Omitting* the year required in bills.]

Resolve——

12. The caption of *orders*, as follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,——, 189 .

[or] IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—— 189 .

*Ordered,* ——

13. All bills amended by statute, by striking out words from any section or independent clause thereof, or by adding or inserting other words and provisions, should recite the section or clause as it would read after being amended as proposed.



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