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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1901.

SENATE.

Augusta, March 22, 1901.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Miller of Hallowell.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

An act to repeal Chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the incorporation and control of telegraph and telephone companies. This bill was amended in the Senate and passed to be engrossed. Now comes from the House indefinitely postponed. On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the Senate concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Bill, an act to tax interest-bearing deposits in trust and banking companies. This came from the House, reported by the committee on taxation ought to pass. Report accepted in concurrence. The bill had its three several readings in the House and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Adams of Penobscot moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed. The yeas and nays were called for and ordered. The vote resulted as follows: Those voting yea were, Adams and Murchie (2). Those voting nay were, Messrs. Bryant, Buck, Burleigh, Burns, Dudley, Fernald, Libby, MacFarlane, McFadden, Morrison, Noble, Peirce, Plummer, Prince, Rankin, Staples of Cumberland, Staples of Knox, Stearns, Titcomb, Vickery, Virgin, Weeks, White and Wilson (24) absent, Messrs. Alden, Jones and Whitehouse.

And the motion to indefinitely postpone was declared lost.

Mr. Adams of Penobscot then moved that the bill be amended by striking out in the sixteenth line of Section One, the words "one-half" and inserting in place thereof the words "three-eighths." A division was called for and ordered resulting in a vote of 7 in favor of the adoption of the amendment to 19 opposed, and the motion to amend was declared lost.

Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin moved that the bill take its two several

readings under suspension of the rules, and without printing, and pass to be engrossed. Mr. Adams of Penobscot objected to suspension of the rules and desired the matter to take the regular course.

Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin insisted upon his motion, and a division being had resulted in a vote of 23 in the affirmative to 1 in the negative and the motion of Mr. Fernald was declared to have prevailed. The bill then took its several readings under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed.

An act to amend Chapter 263 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled, an act relating to the herring fishery in the St. Croix river. This bill came from the House with two committee reports, the majority report being ought to pass. The minority report was ought not to pass. On motion by Mr. Peirce of Waldo the Senate concurred with the House in the adoption of the majority report. The bill took its first reading, and, on motion by the same Senator took its second reading under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve on pay-roll of the House. This came from the House, passed under suspension of the rules. On motion by Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin the resolve took its two several readings under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of W. L. Cortland of Thomaston, for transportation of members of State prison committee and guests while on official visit to the State prison. Read and passed in the House under suspension of the rules. On motion by Mr. Buck of Hancock, the resolve took its two several readings under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed.

At this point Mr. Virgin of Cumberland took the chair at the request of the President.

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes relating to fees of town and city clerks for recording mortgages. House Amendments A and B adopted in concurrence.

Bill, an act relating to political causes in towns, which passed the Sen-

ate to be engrossed, went to the House with Senate amendments A and B, comes back from the House indefinitely postponed. On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing the bill.

Resolve in favor of the town of Mariaville, with statement of facts regarding same, was referred in the Senate to the committee on legal affairs. It comes back from the House referred to the next Legislature. On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the Senate receded from its former action; and on his further motion the Senate concurred with the House in referring the matter to the next Legislature.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting reports of the State librarian for the years 1899 and 1900. On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the communication and report were placed on file.

Mr. Burns of Cumberland, presented pay-roll of the Senate, which, under suspension of the rules, took its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Weeks of Somerset for the committee on conference on bill, an act to authorize the county commissioners of Somerset county to build an extension to the court house in Skowhegan, reported that the committee were unable to agree, and asked to be discharged. The report was accepted. On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate adhered.

Mr. Murchie, for the committee of conference, on bill, an act to change the place of holding the April term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Washington, reported that the committee were unable to agree. The report was accepted; and, on motion by the same Senator, the Senate adhered.

Mr. Plummer of Penobscot presented a bill, out of order, stating the purpose and effect of the bill to be the curing of a defect in the bill passed yesterday, an act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, re-

lating to the taking of deer in September, for food purposes, and relating to non-residents going upon the wild lands of the State. The title of the act presented is a supplemental act to an act relating to close time for deer in certain counties. On motion by the same Senator, the bill received its two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Adams of Penobscot, report of committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, ought not to pass, on bill relating to Castine Railway and navigation, was taken from the table; and on his further motion the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate here took a recess of fifteen minutes.

At the end of the recess the Senate was called to order by Mr. Virgin of Cumberland in the Chair.

On motion by Mr. Rankin of York, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., Friday, March 22, 1901.

Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, presented resolve in favor of the employes of the State House; and moved its reference to the committee on financial affairs. The same was so referred.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to prevent the shooting of human beings by persons in pursuit of game and game birds.

An act to amend Section 104 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes relating to duties of State superintendent of schools.

An act to amend Chapter 66 of the Public Laws of 1899 relating to the jurisdiction of municipal and police courts.

An act in relation to the taxing of costs in municipal and police courts.

An act to amend Chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by Chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1893 and as further amended by Chapter 330 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to service of subpoenas issued by disclosure commissioners.

An act relating to the duties of the board of State assessors.

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to the construction of public drains and sewers.

An act to repeal certain obsolete private and special laws relating to sea and shore fisheries.

An act to amend Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1887 entitled an act to prohibit the use of oil torches in the herring fishery.

An act to repeal Section 62 of Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 366 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to State constables.

An act to amend Chapter 296 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to evidence of witnesses at coroners' inquests.

An act to define the duties of harbor masters in towns and plantations, and for the regulation of harbor anchorages.

An act to secure the preservation of the testimony given in trials for murder.

An act to amend Chapter 81 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to certain property ordained for pious uses, the legal custodian of which is unknown.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery.

An act for the further protection of fish weirs.

An act to fix the compensation of the county commissioners of the county of Androscoggin.

An act to amend Sections 5, 6, 7, 17 and 18 of Chapter 23 of the Special Laws of 1899, entitled an act to establish a municipal court in the town of Newport.

An act to incorporate the Greenville Water Company.

An act to incorporate the Prout's Neck Water Company.

An act to supply the town of Lubec with pure water.

An act to legalize the present pipe system of the Butler Spring Water Company.

An act to incorporate the Bethel Sewer Company.

An act to incorporate the Bonney Eagle Power Company of Standish, Maine.

An act to incorporate the Waldo Trust Company.

An act to authorize Melvin E. Loud and Robert H. Oram to construct a weir between Muscongus Island and Indian Island.

An act to enable Henry R. Stickney and Charles L. Goodridge to build a bridge from Indian Island in Sebago lake to the mainland.

An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899 relating to close time on game and game birds.

An act relating to the fees of the sheriff of Androscoggin county.

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes relating to fees of town and city clerks for recording mortgages.

An act to legalize the doings of Asher H. Mayo as justice of the peace.

An act to empower the county commissioners of Aroostook county to dispose of the holdings of said county in the preferred stock of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company.

An act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of the Penobscot river in Winterport, Me.

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 35 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to the salaries of the assistant superintendents, steward and matron at the Insane Hospital.

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1895, in relation to the incorporation and control of gas and electric companies.

An act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899 relating to the taking of deer in September for food purposes and relating to non-residents going upon the wild lands of the State.

An act to incorporate the South Portland Trust Company.

An act relating to political caucuses in the city of Bangor.

An act to amend Chapter 263 of the Private and Special laws of 1887, entitled an act relating to the herring fishery in the St. Croix river.

An act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to dead human bodies.

An act relating to hawkers and peddlers.

An act to increase the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Lincoln.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of paying the unexpired licenses of hawkers and peddlers.

Resolve authorizing a temporary loan for war purposes for the year 1902.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the repairs of the normal school buildings at Gorham.

Resolve in favor of Castine Normal school.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve to provide for the expenses of the Maine Industrial School for girls.

Resolve in favor of Normal school trustees.

Resolve in favor of Madawaska Training school.

Resolve in favor of Lee Normal academy.

Resolve in favor of Maine State prison.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane hospital.

Resolve in favor of repairing Mattawamkeag bridge.

Resolve in favor of aid for a ferry across the St. John river and Little Black river in Allegash plantation.

Resolve in favor of the stenographers and typewriters to the presiding and recording officers of the Senate and House.

Resolve in favor of H. P. Gardner, secretary of the committee on taxation.

Resolve in favor of Edward W. Delano for services as messenger to the railroad committee.

Resolve in favor of Harvey D. Eaton.

Resolve to apportion one hundred and fifty-one representatives among the several counties, cities, towns plantations and classes in the State of Maine.

An act to provide for State roads, and for the improvements thereof.

On motion by Mr. Bryant of Somerset, this bill was laid on the table, the pending question being upon its indefinite postponement on motion by the same senator.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, resolve in favor of Edward Bolin; resolve in favor of Sigmund Newhouse; resolve in favor of Max Dondas, were taken from the table; and on the further motion of that senator, the same were referred to the Governor and Council.

On motion by Mr. Macfarlane of Piscataquis, resolve in favor of establishing a fish hatchery at Moosehead lake was taken from the table; and, on the further motion of that senator, the Senate non-concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill, and insists in its former action.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the Senate adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Senate met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Mr. Rankin, for the committee on financial affairs, on resolve in favor of the employees of the State House, reported same ought not to pass.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act relating to close time for deer in certain counties.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to fees of town and city clerks for recording mortgages.

An act to regulate membership and rights of membership of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

An act to tax interest bearing deposits in trust and banking companies.

An act to consolidate and simplify the laws pertaining to sea and shore fisheries, as contained in Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes and any amendment and additions thereto.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of establishing a fish hatchery and feeding station at Moosehead lake.

Resolve on pay roll of the Senate.

Resolve on pay roll of the House.

Resolve in favor of W. L. Cotton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

An act providing for State roads, and for the improvement thereof.

This bill came up by special assignment. Mr. Bryant of Somerset stated briefly his objection to the bill, but stated that he would not at this time interpose any objection to the passage of the bill. The bill was then passed to be enacted.

Mr. VICKERY of Kennebec: Mr. President, I want to say, at the start that I have no reason for offense against the senator from Knox. He and I are the best of friends; and he and I serve the Lord in the same church, but I want to say that we have had many things here in the Senate of Maine—we are closing up now—it is the closing period, and, of course he is a minority of the Senate. It is his duty to fire off his political gun whenever he has a chance to do it. That is right; but I want to relate just for a moment a little incident. I was sick with the grip the other day, and you can have time, in 24 hours of the grip—lots of time, to think. It put me in mind of a little episode in my life when I used to own Popham Beach, at a time when beach birds there were very thick, at a time when I had to spend only a few hours to go out and get three or four quarts and have a beach bird pie. Well, a gentleman came down from Massachusetts, most of my friends came from Massachusetts at a time to fill our hotels; and he came down to the life saving station. Captain Haley was captain of the life saving station, and he saw he had a 10-gauge gun; and he says: "Can I have

your gun to go gunning for beach birds?" and the captain says: "Yes, you can have my gun, I will accommodate you." We went up to Bath by the steamer Percy B., which I owned, and got a hundred cartridges. They came to Popham Beach, and the next morning at early dawn he started out; and there never was heard so much of a fusillade along Popham Beach, the three miles of nice beach that we have got there, as we heard that morning. He came back at about 11 o'clock, surrendered the gun to Captain Haley, and Captain Haley said to him:

"How did you get along?"

"Oh!" he answered, "I had a nice time—nice time!"

"Did you find any birds?"

"Found all the birds we wanted. The beach was covered with birds."

"How many did you kill?"

"I didn't kill a bird, but I had a damn good fire." (Applause and laughter.)

I want to explain, that is not anything in the way of offense to my friend from Knox, but the episode coincided so well with what has occurred here, during the session that I wanted to relate it. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President, I will not undertake to reply to my genial friend, the Senator from Kennebec. The only trouble why I did not kill any birds was not because they ought not to be killed, but because I did not have powder enough.

A recess was here taken, after which the Senate was called to order by the President.

Mr. Noble of Franklin: Mr. President, I move the passage of the following resolve:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Senate be extended to L. E. Hon. Hannibal E. Hamlin for the able, courteous and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

Mr. President, the last assignment upon our calendar has been disposed of. The end of our long and busy session is at hand. Ever we depart, we pause for a moment. We linger for a little. With reluctance, we grasp each other's hands, we look fondly into each other's eyes, and say our farewells.

What a short time it seems since we met in this beautiful chamber and began our deliberations. Today, as we look backward over that brief period, and review the many pleasures—the many busy activities of this session, so happy is the remembrance that we almost wish our present official ermine would cling to us forever. So cordial, so friendly have been our associations, would that they might endure.

Mr. Secretary, I am aware that resolutions are too often a mere empty form, a mere aggravation of idle, meaningless words and phrases; but I feel, today, that this resolve, even if it were to be couched in the richest and warmest expressions known to our language, would even then fail to express our high appreciation for the splendid qualities of

him in whose honor they are offered. Ever kind, courteous, consistent and considerate, he has won the highest regards and sincere affection of every member of this body. His position has been an important one, but a step removed from that of our Chief Executive; and in the performance of the duties of that position, important as it is, he has exhibited all the tactful talent, grace, wisdom, dignity and ability characteristic of that illustrious sire whose honored name he bears. For the support of the officers, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude, my kindest regards. They have each and all been kind, courteous, thoughtful, obliging, prompt in anticipating our every desire, prompt in the performance of their every duty.

Mr. Secretary, I move you that this resolve have a passage; and that when the vote is taken, it be taken by rising. (Applause.)

The resolve was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. Secretary and fellow senators, It gives me great pleasure to second the resolutions offered by the senator from Franklin. When I came into this body, I was a stranger to the most of the members who compose this Senate. I occupy the unique position of being the only minority member of the party to which I belong, in this body; and having been here with 30 Republican members of the Senate—that I am in as good health as I am today is a fact that I feel very grateful for. (Applause.)

It only goes to show that when one lone Democrat in a Republican Senate of Maine, can for 12 long weeks stand the pressure, and be in as good health physically as I am today—it shows the kindness that they have shown the minority member.

Words are inadequate to me to express in fitting language my appreciation of the courtesies that I have received from the presiding officer of this honorable body. Being a new member, and new to legislative experience, he has been ever kind and obliging, and has endeared himself to every member of this body; and while, as the senator from Kennebec says, I have not been able to kill any birds, I thank high Heaven that I have not wounded any, so that, when we part, there shall be no misapprehensions and no misgivings that will torment us as we look back upon the past.

It is to me a source of great pleasure that, during the heated debates we have had, while I have been alone many times in the discussion of the questions and in the voting, yet I have always found that courtesy extended to me the same as to the majority; and, in behalf of the Democratic party to which I belong, I thank the majority party of this Senate for the courtesy with which they have treated us; and I expect, in the near future, the only way we can repay it will be when the reverse takes place, and there is only one Republican in the Senate and 30 Democrats. Then we will pay them back the courtesy they have given us. (Applause.)

Now, fellow senators, there is always a degree of sadness at a time like this. In

my experience of the business of life, where there has been such a variety of business transacted, where there have been heated debates and diversity of opinion, I am glad that I can carry away with me the feeling that we have all tried to conduct ourselves as gentlemen, and that we have accorded to each and every one that grand principle which is one of the beatitudes of this grand government of ours, that every man has a right to express his own mind freely, openly and at all times. If ever I felt to rejoice that I live in glorious New England—that I live under that grand magna charta, the Declaration of Independence, that accords to everybody equal rights in the great race of life, I rejoice that in an assembly like this—an honorable body like this, composed of the members that have assembled here, that we have been presided over by a gentleman who has not been unmindful of the rights of each member. At no time, from the beginning to the present time, have the rights of any man upon this floor been narrowed, but the fullest and freest rights guaranteed to him. It is an honorable position. Our presiding officer has filled it with dignity and with grandeur; and as I am about to part with these members, I shall carry with me to my home the kindest of recollections; and if we never meet here again, let me impress upon the minds of every member that I believe today we shall meet again, by and by, if we do not again meet in this chamber or upon this side of the Summer Land. The social qualities inculcated here develops the minds of men; and through those social qualities, by the discipline we have received here, we shall be fitted, I have not any doubt, by and by to enjoy that fruition which is for all mankind.

Now, fellow senators, if I have erred, I am ready to be forgiven, as I know I am ready to forgive any senator for anything that may have been said during this session. I trust you will all have a happy return to your homes and your families; and, Mr. Secretary, I second the resolution offered by the senator from Franklin. (Applause).

Mr. FERNALD of Androscoffin: Mr. President, Gentlemen of the Senate:

Every joy must have its sorrow,
 Every pleasure brings its pain;
 Today is bright with sunshine,
 Tomorrow weeps its rain.
 Today a smile is playing
 On the lip and in the eye;
 Tomorrow tears are falling,
 And the fount of mirth is dry.
 The calm succeeds the tempest
 As the light the darksome hours,
 On the rough and thorny brambles
 Bloom the sweetly perfumed flowers.
 Life springs from Death's cold ashes
 And in Death Life's lamp grows dim;
 In Eden perfect bliss is found
 And from Eden cometh sin.
 And thus in contrast ever,
 Light and shadow strangely blend;
 To fit and discipline us
 For Life's highest, noblest end.

Memory and Hope like sceptered monarchs enthroned upon the realm of Reason teach us to yearn, to appreciate and to love. Memory, like old age standing on the deck of a ship, looks back into the past, as our lives are drifting on an unknown and boundless sea. Memory garners flowers from the garden of Experience, where grow thorns and thistles as well as roses and lilies of the valley. Memory is real, logical, secure.

Hope like youth on the prow of the ship, leaning far out over the deep unknown, pointing ever onward and upward to heights and pleasures attained only by the few but yearned for by every human heart.

Memory and Hope both of the same royal family, and each entirely void, empty and incapable of stimulating joy without the assistance of the other.

Gentlemen of the Senate, we have for three months like school boys mingled together. I can pay no higher tribute to your honor, your manliness, your generosity and charity than to say I have learned to respect, to revere and to love you all. And there is no sublimer affection than the regard one strong man may have for another.

And to my fellow senator from Knox, who came here alone the representative of his political party, for you I have the kindest regard. The position you have taken on all matters pertaining to the public welfare, have been broad, consistent and manly. You can return to your constituents feeling that you have the highest respect of your fellow senators, and that above party prejudice, there is in the human heart a nobler virtue, which is regard and admiration for our fellow man.

And to you Mr. President for the courtesy so often and so kindly extended, I can only thank you.

And to the officers of this Senate (and if I should name one, I should name them all) who have performed their duties so graciously and so well, I desire to thank you.

And to all as we bid adieu to these scenes, most of us for the last time, let us hope that the acquaintances made may be often renewed. That as we older grow we may look back to this session as one of the mile stones in our history and that our associations have taught us to have a higher, nobler, grander conception of humanity and our duties to our fellow-men.

Mr. WHITE of Androscoffin: Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: I am frank to say that if I could consult my own feelings at the present moment, I should remain silent, not that I do not desire to raise my voice to second this resolution in honor of the distinguished gentleman who has presided over this Senate so ably and impartially, during the three months we have been together; but I find myself at this time embarrassed and troubled by conflicting emotions. I realize that I am about taking leave of this Hall and of the House, and of the Legislature, probably never to return to

them again—never to have any part whatever in proceedings of this kind,—unless, perhaps, I might be admitted to the third House, which I have, however no objection to take part in.

Feeling as I do, with these feelings of sorrow at parting from senators with whom I have been associated for these three months, and with some of whom I was associated two years ago, I say I would gladly be silent at this time, and listen to others; but I cannot allow this action to pass without rendering my tribute, feeble though it may be, to the distinguished gentleman who presided over our deliberations this winter. I want to say this, that from the moment the first tap of his gavel called this Senate to order, down to the present time, he has fulfilled the duties of that position completely, and with impartiality, and that under all difficulties, conditions and circumstances, and thus won our respect and confidence at the very outset. He has retained it. He will go away from here having, I believe, the love and esteem of every member of this Senate; and with those few brief imperfect remarks, I desire to second the resolution. {Applause.}

The Senate adopted the resolve unanimously by a rising vote.

The PRESIDENT: Fellow Senators: It is with mingled feelings of gratitude and pleasure that I rise to thank you, and to assure you that I appreciate fully all of the sentiments so kindly expressed, both in resolutions which have been passed, and in the remarks that have been made. Indeed, I can hardly feel myself worthy of them. When I first entered, and with some timidity, upon my duties as your presiding officer, I relied upon your leniency, your indulgence and your co-operation. It was a confidence not misplaced; for I have received from you all of these in the highest degree. It has been your conduct and not mine that has facilitated the business of this body and kept harmony among its members.

At this time it seems to me especially fitting that I tender my most sincere thanks to your secretary, Mr. Dunbar, for his invaluable assistance to this body, and especially to myself. Ever on duty, pains-taking, fully equipped in his knowledge of parliamentary law, and in the duties of his office, he has ever been anxious to assist me as if it were more than a pleasure to him.

Mr. Lovejoy, our messenger, has also administered to our wants with his long accustomed fidelity and care; and I hope it may be many years before any Senate will have occasion to miss his kind words and his good work.

To the other subordinates of the Senate, who have performed their duties so well, I also extend my thanks.

My friends, the present session has not been without its sadness. The strong hand of Death has invaded our ranks and laid its touch upon one of our members. Our loved Senator Hodsdon was taken from us. In the beautiful language of our beloved chief justice upon the death of another friend of mine: "God touched him, and he slept." It was my pleasure to have served with Senator Hodsdon in the last Maine Senate. Our acquaintance ripened into a very warm friendship; and with you I grieve that we have lost a good friend and an able and noble senator. The tributes paid to him upon the floor of this Senate were none too high, and no monuments of bronze or of marble are necessary to ever keep bright our recollections of him.

We are, my friends, at the close of a very busy session. Hindsight is better than foresight; and in future years we shall be better able to criticise our work. Perfection in legislation we cannot now expect to attain; but yet I wish to congratulate you all upon your work well done, for I think it will well compare with that of any Legislature.

You have provided additional revenue for the State, and I trust have judged wisely, that, with proper economy, considering our increasing needs from the times of many years ago.

We shall all be glad to go home; and yet there is a feeling of sorrow at the parting. Let that feeling of sorrow be placed one side, and let its place be filled with the feeling that we shall continually be meeting each other in the daily walks of life, and renewing the acquaintances and the friendships here formed. For my own part, the pleasure will be mine to meet each one of you often.

And now, my friends, as the time for adjournment grows nearer, I desire to extend to you my thanks for your kindness and courtesy to me; and wish

you a safe and happy return to your homes, the highest degree of prosperity and every blessing that God can bestow; may the ties and the friendships here formed, be so strong that they can never be rent asunder. (Great applause.)

Mr. Buck of Hancock, presented the following resolve:

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 unvariable kindness and courtesy which he has shown to the members of the Legislature.

Which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Murchie of Washington, presented the following resolve:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Walter B. Clarke, assistant secretary; Charles H. Lovejoy, messenger; James F. Ashford, assistant messenger; S. A. Holden, postmaster; and all other officers of the Senate, for the faithful and courteous performance of their duties during the present session of the Legislature.

Which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rankin of York, presented the following resolve:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to the official reporter of the body for the remarkably accurate and complete report he has made of its proceedings.

Which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Peirce of Waldo, presented the following resolve:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to the representatives of the press who have been in attendance upon our sessions for the correct reports they have made of our doings and the justness and fairness of their comments thereon.

Which was passed unanimously.

Mr. VIRGIN of Cumberland: Mr. President, The last legislative day of the seventieth Legislature is drawing to a close as the sun approaches the western horizon; and before another day's dawn the last bill will have been enacted, and the last resolve of this legislature will have been finally passed; and we are reminded that, having performed fully our

duties, we are about to part, and possibly not to meet in this hall again.

When the legislature convened, and it devolved upon this body to select its presiding officer, there was no uncertainty in the minds of any of the Senate as to who would be the choice for that position. We believed that you, Mr. President, whom we chose to lead us as presiding officer would fill the office in the impartial manner that has characterized all your acts. We remembered your illustrious sire, who graced not only the halls of this legislature, but the national halls of legislation and filled so ably the Vice-Presidential chair, and we now believe his mantle has fallen upon your shoulders. We have been satisfied, and more than satisfied with the way in which you have conducted the affairs of the office. From the time your gavel first called us to order until it shall dismiss us finally, there has not been one thing in the current of events in this body that has aroused any unkindly feeling, but as a whole, and in every way our deliberations have been harmonious.

We realized, sometimes, that we had only one member of the Democratic party here, and we wondered what would happen if we had had more; but I will say for the sole senator of that party, that he has conducted his cause ably and he has voted intelligently from his own standpoint.

As we are about to part, the members of the Senate desire to tender to you, Mr. President, some token of the high respect and esteem in which they hold you; and through me, they desire to present to you this beautiful gavel. When you gaze upon it, may it recall not only the features of the members of the Senate over whom you have presided, but also the kindly feelings of esteem and respect in which you have been held.

I present the following order:

Ordered, That the gavel which has been ^{selected so wisely} and impartially by President Hamlin be presented to him as a further mark of our admiration and esteem. (Applause.)

The order was passed unanimously, by a rising vote.

THE PRESIDENT: Fellow Senators, I again thank you for your kindness to me, and especially for this beautiful gift with which I have been presented. I thank you also, for the kindly spirit in which I know it has been given; and I assure you, one and all, that these gifts will ever be a constant reminder of the pleasant and loving associations that have been thrown about my life during the present session of this Senate. (Great Applause.)

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate took a recess until 9 P. M.

After recess, the report of the committee on financial affairs on bill, an act to provide for the several acts and resolves of the Legislature requiring payment of money from the treasury, also to provide for the necessary expenditures of government for 1901 and 1902, reported same ought to pass, and submitted their final report, Burns, and others for the commit-

tee. Read and accepted in the House, accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Burns of Cumberland, the following bills took their several readings under suspension of the rules, and were passed to be engrossed.

Bill, an act to provide in part for expenditures of government for the year 1901.

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PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, it was ordered, that a message be sent to the House informing that branch that the Senate had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

That senator was instructed to convey the message and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House has transacted all business before it and is now ready to adjourn without day.

On motion by Mr. Noble of Franklin it was,

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 pleased to make.

And that Senator with Messrs. Morrison of York and Stearns of Oxford were appointed by the President as such committee, and were instructed to comply with the terms of the order.

Mr. Noble of the committee subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty imposed.

A message was received from the Governor through the secretary of State as follows:

Augusta, March 22nd, 1901.

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

I transmit herewith a list of acts and resolves passed during the present session of the legislature and approved by me, numbering 456 acts and 118 resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

(Signed) JOHN F. HILL.

This message was delivered through the secretary of State.

The communication was then transmitted to the House.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate of the 70th Legislature having transacted all business that has come before it, I now declare the Senate adjourned without day.

HOUSE.

Friday, March 22nd.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Farnsworth of Beddington.

Bill, an act relating to intoxicating liquors, in the House passed to be engrossed as amended.

In the Senate this bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Portland the House recessed and concurred with the Senate.

Mr. Beal from the committee on financial affairs reported a resolve on the pay roll of the House and that it ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Beal the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. McNamara of Thomaston asked unanimous consent to introduce a resolve in favor of W. L. Cartland of Thomaston, and moved that the rules be suspended and that the resolve receive its two readings and be passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

The motion was agreed to.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to incorporate the Prouts Neck Water Company.

An act providing for State roads and for the improvement thereof.

An act to prevent the shooting of human beings by persons in pursuit of game and game birds.

An act to repeal Section 62 of Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 366 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to State constables.

An act to legalize the present pipe system of the Butler Spring Water Company.

An act to amend Chapter 296 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to evidence of witnesses at coroners' inquests.

An act to amend Section 104 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to duties of State Superintendent of Schools.

An act to authorize Melvin E. Loud and Robert H. Oram to construct a weir between Muscongus island and Indian island.

An act to incorporate the Greenville Water Company.

An act to define the duties of harbor masters in towns and plantations, and for the regulation of harbors and anchorages.

An act to amend Chapter 66 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to the jurisdiction of Municipal and Police Courts.

An act to incorporate the Waldo Trust Company.

An act in relation to the taxing of costs in municipal and police courts.

An act to regulate membership and rights of membership in the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

An act to secure the preservation of the testimony given in trials for murder.

An act to fix the compensation of the county commissioners of the county of Androscoggin.