

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

**HOUSE.**

Wednesday, February 10, 1915.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Livingston of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Michael Burns.

This resolve comes from the Senate referred in that branch to the committee on judiciary in non-concurrence.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference to the committee on judiciary.

From the Senate: Petition of M. L. Hopkins and 16 others, residents of Lincoln county, asking for a law to prohibit the throwing of sawdust and other mill waste into Dyer's river, in Lincoln county.

In the House this petition was referred to the committee on interior waters, and comes from the Senate referred in non-concurrence to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Chapter 121 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to board of overseers of the poor of the city of Portland.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs, and comes from the Senate referred to the Portland Delegation in non-concurrence.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference to the Portland Delegation.

From the Senate: Petition of Mrs. Lillian C. Tobey and 21 others in favor of resolve for reformatory for women.

In the House this petition was referred to the committee on State

prison, and comes from the Senate referred to the committee on State school for boys and industrial school for girls in non-concurrence.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference to the committee on State school for boys and industrial school for girls.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented and, on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

**Agriculture.**

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolve in favor of the New England Fruit Show.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield: Resolve to provide for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 156 of the Public Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act to regulate the packing, shipping and sale of apples."

By Mr. Tuttle of Caribou: Resolution by Prestile Grange, No. 504, in favor of appropriations for Aroostook Experimental Farm.

By the same gentleman: Resolution by Aroostook County Pomona Grange in favor of same.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs.**

By Mr. Haskell of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine Home for Friendless Boys at Portland, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Littlefield of Wells: Resolve in favor of York Hospital in the town of York, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Resolve in favor of the Rumford Hospital Association for maintenance, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Colcord of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Children's Protective Society of Maine for maintenance, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Ellis of Gardiner: Petition of Annie C. Conant and nine others for W. C. T. U. Temporary Home for Children at Gardiner; also petition of H. L. Heald and 13 others of Somerset Grange, No. 18, in favor of same; also petition of A. P. Small and 24 others in favor of same; also petition of Agnes S. Jones and 19 others in favor of same; also petition of Rev. B. P. Browne and 45 others in favor of

same; also petition of C. F. Daggett and 36 others in favor of same; also petition of Mrs. J. E. Osborne and 34 others in favor of same; also petition of Nat Barker, M. D., and 20 others in favor of same; also petition of C. H. Hart and 13 others of Pine Grove Grange, No. 233, in favor of same; also petition of W. H. Falconer and 27 others of John F. Hill Grange, No. 393, in favor of same; also petition of Charles G. McCully and 84 others in favor of same; also petition of Rev. James F. Alden and 39 others in favor of same; also petition of G. J. Palmer and 24 others of Buckfield Grange, No. 438, in favor of same; also petition of Effie Jones and 33 others of Twilight Grange, No. 261, in favor of same; also petition of Mrs. Clara A. Hill and 13 others in favor of same; also petition of Robie L. Watson and 21 others of Minerva Grange, No. 383, in favor of same; also petition of D. S. Hilliker and 15 others of North Newport Grange, No. 193, in favor of same; also petition of B. A. Sawyer and 35 others of Skowhegan Grange, No. 298, in favor of same; also petition of John E. Merrill and 20 others of Eureka Grange, No. 7, in favor of same; also petition of H. W. Kitchen and 13 others of Maysville Center Grange, No. 153, in favor of same; also petition of M. G. Fullerton and 12 others in favor of same; also petition of Lizzie M. Lamb and 12 others in favor of same; also petition of A. W. McKeen and 12 others of Riverside Grange, No. 273, in favor of same; also petition of J. I. Chipman and 11 others of Sabbathday Lake Grange, No. 365, in favor of same; also petition of Linnie B. C. Anderson and 10 others of Harraseeket Grange, No. 9, in favor of same; also petition of Daniel Brown and 27 others of Enterprise Grange, No. 48, in favor of same; also petition of Miss Julia E. Trefethan and 39 others in favor of same; also petition of Elizabeth Snow and 39 others in favor of same; also petition of O. E. West and 62 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Brann of Winthrop: Petition of A. J. McNaughton and 25 others in favor of same; also petition of W. D. Kinney and 12 others in favor of same; also petition of Josiah D.

Winship and 62 others of Saccarappa Grange, No. 481, in favor of same; also petition of Fred Murphy and 33 others of North Somerset Grange, No. 218, in favor of same; also petition of Robert T. Brady and 30 others in favor of same; also petition of Julia Corey and 12 others of Lamoine Grange, No. 264, in favor of same; also petition of E. R. Leary and eight others of Dunstan Grange, No. 493, in favor of same; also petition of Rev. A. R. Rich and 47 others in favor of same; also petition of S. E. Holden and 21 others in favor of same; also petition of N. H. Whipple and 32 others of Bingham Grange, No. 237, in favor of same; also petition of Rev. Thomas B. Hatt and 54 others in favor of same; also petition of Mrs. D. H. Powell and 49 others in favor of same; also petition of Hattie L. Padham and 36 others in favor of same; also petition of H. C. Miller and 19 others of Eastern Star Grange, No. 1, in favor of same; also petition of Thomas Grieve and 19 others of HALEYON Grange, No. 345, in favor of same; also petition of C. H. Littlefield and 17 others of Ogunquit Grange, No. 444, in favor of same; also petition of E. H. Vaughan and 43 others in favor of same; also petition of H. P. Norton and 22 others of New Portland Grange, No. 112, in favor of same; also petition of H. D. Paul and 17 others in favor of same; also petition of Mrs. Sarah E. Safford and 19 others in favor of same; also petition of Robert N. Miller and 40 others in favor of same; also petition of Benj. F. Pierce and 13 others in favor of same; also petition of R. F. Cole and 107 others of Sunrise Grange, No. 241, in favor of same; also petition of C. C. Allen and 31 others in favor of same; also petition of John W. Springell and 45 others in favor of same; also petition of G. P. Clifford and 64 others in favor of same; also petition of J. W. H. Porter and 55 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Meader of Chelsea: Petition of A. W. Johnson and 11 others of Stockholm Grange, No. 514, in favor of same; also petition of Mrs. Annie E. Stetson and 32 others of Caribou Grange, No. 138, in favor of same;

petition of J. J. Smart and seven others of Point Passadumkeag Grange, No. 417, in favor of same; also petition of George W. Orr and 33 others of Queen City Grange, No. 30, in favor of same; also petition of F. W. Patterson and five others of Industry Grange, No. 428, in favor of same; also petition of Melvin S. Hutchins and 24 others of North Franklin Grange, No. 186, in favor of same; also petition of Robert Gillespie and 18 others of Alexander Grange, No. 304, in favor of same; also petition of Charles W. Ingalls and 33 others of Buck's Harbor Grange, No. 460, in favor of same; also petition of Rev. H. M. Purrington and 51 others in favor of same; also petition of George W. Bulger and 44 others in favor of same; also petition of Clinton Hill and 25 others of Easton Star Grange, No. 473, in favor of same; also petition of James W. Libby and seven others of Dirigo Grange, No. 98, in favor of same; also petition of Nella Bridges and 18 others of Penobscot Grange, No. 240, in favor of same; also petition of Roy M. Trask and nine others of Sheepscot Lake Grange, No. 455, in favor of same; also petition of H. I. Ide and 140 others of Northern Light Grange, No. 3, in favor of same; also petition of D. M. Kimball and 441 others of Morning Light Grange, No. 19, in favor of same; also petition of George F. Overlock and 15 others of South Branch Grange, No. 142, in favor of same; also petition of Angie B. Sweet and 26 others of Mattanawcook Grange, No. 199, in favor of same; also petition of A. W. Bradbury and nine others of Escutawasis Grange, No. 231, in favor of same; also petition of W. S. Smith and 13 others of Pleasant Lake Grange, No. 370, in favor of same; also petition of Everett L. York and 17 others of Mystic Tie Grange, No. 58, in favor of same; also petition of J. P. Eaton and nine others of Exeter Grange, No. 86, in favor of same; also petition of A. B. Morse and 18 others of Plymouth Grange, No. 354, in favor of same; also petition of Maria Bartlett and seven others of Ashland Grange, No. 247, in favor of same; also petition of I. V. Manzer and 24 others

of Easton Grange, No. 159, in favor of same; also petition of Scott Sanborn and 22 others of Mountain Grange, No. 331, in favor of same; also petition of C. D. Robinson and nine others of Golden Sheaf Grange, No. 234, in favor of same; also petition of C. E. Jewell and 28 others of Prestile Grange, No. 504, in favor of same.

#### **Education.**

By Mr. Thoms of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Institute at Springfield, to defray expenses and obligations incurred in the conduct of the school for the school years ending July 1, 1913, and July 1, 1914, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Snow of Mars Hill: Resolve in favor of Bridgewater Classical Academy, with statement of facts.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Littlefield of Wells: An Act relating to the protection of deer in the towns of York, Wells, Kittery, Eliot, South Berwick and North Berwick, in the county of York.

By Mr. McCurdy of Lubec: An Act to provide a bounty on crows in the towns of Lubec and Trescott.

By Mr. Brown of New Sharon: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Bent's Pond, so-called, in the town of New Sharon, in Franklin county and in the town of Vienna in Kennebec county.

By Mr. Lord of Ellsworth: Resolution of Mariaville Grange, No. 441, opposing the passage of any law requiring residents of this State to procure a hunting license.

By Mr. Goodwin of Mexico: Petition of J. L. Howard and 89 others favoring a law providing for a resident hunting license.

By the same gentleman: Petition of E. F. Coburn and 18 others requesting that pond in Rapid river be opened up to bait fishing till October 1st of each year.

By the same gentleman: Petition of E. F. Coburn and 18 others requesting that Rapid river, connecting the Richardson Lakes with the Umbagog Lake, be opened to fly fishing from

September 15 to October 1 of each year.

By Mr. Brown of New Sharon: Petition of E. E. Dyer and 17 others, residents of Franklin county, in favor of closing Bent's Pond, in Franklin and Kennebec counties, to all fishing.

By Mr. McCurdy of Lubec: Petition of John N. McCurdy and 18 others in favor of an Act to provide a bounty on crows in the towns of Lubec and Trescott; also petition of E. A. M. Monson and 21 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Goodwin of Mexico: Remonstrance of N. R. Leach and 15 others against any change in the fishing laws governing the Magalloway waters.

#### **Interior Waters.**

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Petition of Charles F. Stevens and 37 others to prohibit the throwing of sawdust in Concord River or any of its tributaries.

#### **Judiciary.**

By Mr. Picher of Waterville: An Act to authorize the city of Waterville to acquire, own, maintain and operate an electric plant. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Thombs of Lincoln: An Act to extend the jurisdiction of Masters in Chancery to include the hearings upon libel for divorce.

By Mr. Ranney of Winn: An Act authorizing Seboeis Plantation to build and maintain its roads and bridges and to raise money therefor.

By Mr. Watts of South Thomaston: An Act relating to the Vinalhaven Lighting Company.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Petition of Lucy A. French and 27 others in favor of an amendment giving the right of suffrage to women under the same conditions and limitations as men.

By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: Petition of Mrs. Israel P. Butler of Portland, and 128 others against suffrage for women.

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: Petition of Mrs. Parker P. Burleigh of Houlton and 35 others against same; also petition of Mrs. Isaac W. Dyer of Gorham and 75 others against same.

By Mr. Blake of New Gloucester: Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks and

31 others in favor of woman suffrage.

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: Petition of Althea G. Quimby and four others in favor of same.

By Mr. Allen of Machias: Petition of Mrs. Jennie P. White and 22 others of Machias in favor of same.

By Mr. Tabbutt of Columbia: Petition of Lillian Drisco and 33 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Wescott of Bluehill: Petition of Mrs. N. M. Emery and 72 others of Bar Harbor, asking that the constitutional amendment giving the right of suffrage to women be submitted to the people.

By Mr. Ellis of Gardiner: Petition of Emma H. Woodward and 29 others of Gardiner in favor of woman's suffrage.

#### **Labor.**

By Mr. Ellis of Gardiner: Petition of H. M. Lawton and 33 others, relative to an amendment on an act before the legislature regarding the hours of employment of women and minors.

By Mr. Dilling of Easton: Petition of W. J. Sawyer and five others against including "mercantile establishments" in House Bill No. 2, entitled "An Act relative to the hours of employment of women and minors"; also petition of J. M. Storey and 16 others against same.

By Mr. Tuttle of Caribou: Petition of The Pattee Co. and nine others against same.

By Mr. Evans of Bridgton: Remonstrance of Davis Dow Co., P. P. Burnham Co. and 22 others against same.

By Mr. Pierce of Farmington: Remonstrance of N. G. Paine and six others against same.

By Mr. Currier of Camden: Remonstrance of Follansbee Wood and 13 others against same.

By Mr. Lawrence of Fairfield: Remonstrance of R. O. Files and 37 others of Fairfield against same.

By Mr. Wyman of Kingfield: Remonstrance of C. H. McKenzie and five others against same.

By Mr. McKinley of Jackson: Remonstrance of C. O. Sawyer and nine others against same.

By Mr. Millett of Belfast: Remonstrance of C. W. Wescott and 42 others against same; also remonstrance of Ridley & Flanders and nine others

against same; also remonstrance of Wm. Rosenberg and 13 others against same; also remonstrance of Wilbur F. Goodwin and 14 others against same; also remonstrance of Ober & Clark of Dover and two others against same; also remonstrance of F. P. Berry and 12 others against same; also remonstrance of D. B. Kelley and three others against same; also remonstrance of M. C. Heath against same.

### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: An Act to make valid the annual town meeting of the town of Robbinston.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: An Act to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night on public highways and bridges.

By Mr. Tobey of Eliot: Petition of H. G. Emery and 36 others in favor of investigation of institutions by county commissioners or grand jurors.

By Mr. Perkins of Augusta: Petition of Carolyn E. Kelley and 111 other trained nurses of Kennebec county for passage of an Act to procure State Registration for nurses.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Sylvester J. Beach, M. D., and 59 other physicians of Kennebec County in favor of the same.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 103 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to the Bingham Water District.

### Pensions.

By Mr. Tobey of Eliot: Resolve in favor of Eliza E. Philbrook of Kittery, with statement of facts.

### Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Pierce of Houlton: An Act to authorize the reorganization or consolidation of the railroad companies that constitute the Boston and Maine Railroad system.

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the laws of 1891, relating to the Limerock Railroad Company.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend the charters of the Thomaston Street Railway Company, Rockland Street Railway Company and Camden and Rockport Street Railroad Company.

By Mr. Currier of Camden: An Act to extend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: An Act to extend the charter of the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway.

By Mr. Clifford of Lewiston: An Act to extend the charter of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Company.

By the same gentleman: An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington-Oakland Interurban Railway.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Tate of Topsham: Petition of Albert F. Adams and 19 others of Bowdoinham to amend Section one of Chapter 251 of the Special Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Special Laws of 1909, entitled "An Act for the better protection of alewives, shad and sturgeon in the various rivers in Maine"; also petition of Elmer G. Powers and 40 others of Topsham for same; also petition of Albert M. Greaves and 41 others of Topsham for same.

### State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.

By Mr. Pierce of Houlton: Petition of Nathaniel Tompkins and 19 others of Houlton for a State reformatory for women.

By Mr. Drummond of Winslow: Petition of George S. Paine and 40 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Petition of Imogene C. Merrill and 21 others of Caratunk in favor of same; also petition of Alice M. Goodrich of Bingham and 21 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Pierce of Houlton: Petition of Women's Club of Houlton in favor of same.

### Towns.

By Mr. Evans of Bridgton: An Act to incorporate the North Bridgton Village Corporation. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: Petition of Clinton M. Hamilton and 79 others for a division of the town of Cumberland. (Ordered printed and referred.)

### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Averill of Prentiss: Resolve in favor of repairing a bridge in Drew

Plantation, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Morison of Eden: Resolve to provide for repairs on the Mt. Desert toll bridge, whenever it is made a free bridge, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Brown of New Sharon: Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Sandy river in the town of New Sharon, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Wilkins of Jay: Resolve in favor of Washington Plantation and Perkins Plantation, in Franklin county, for the repair and permanent improvement of highway, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: Resolve in favor of the towns of Penobscot and Castine for repairs of bridge and road, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Michaud of Van Buren: Resolve in favor of repairing International bridge, between Van Buren and St. Leonards, New Brunswick, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Durgain of Bangor: Resolve in favor of roads and bridges in Township six, Range seven, and in Township six, Range eight, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Goodwin of Mexico: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing the Lake road in Oxford county, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: Petition of B. B. Merrill and 41 others in favor of an appropriation of \$25,000.00 to be expended on the County road leading through Brewer, Holden and Dedham to Ellsworth, Hancock county, under the direction of the highway commission.

By Mr. Ames of Stockton Springs: Petition of Wilbur H. Ridley and 39 others of Waldo county in favor of a resolve for rebuilding a section of the Marsh Hill road in Stockton Springs.

By Mr. Lord of Ellsworth: Petition of Edgar E. Ring and 59 others for an appropriation for an improvement of the road leading through Brewer, Holden and Dedham to Ellsworth.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Portland: Remonstrance of Alfred B. Snow and 20 others against the proposed amendment of Chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to a bridge between Orr's Island and Bailey's Island; also remonstrance of Silas S. Holbrook and 30 others against same.

### Orders.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Hampden, it was

Ordered, That the committee on State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls be granted the use of this House for a hearing on February 18th at 2.00 P. M.

On motion by Mr. Conners of Bangor, it was

Ordered, That the judiciary committee be granted the use of Representatives' hall on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 23, for the purpose of a public hearing on bill entitled An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Bangor.

### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Pierce from the committee on judiciary, on bill, An Act relating to insolvent estates and amending Section five of Chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes, reported that the same "ought to pass."

Mr. Conners from the same committee, on bill, An Act relating to driving of automobiles in Camden and Lincolnville, reported that the same "ought to pass."

Mr. Small from the committee on pensions, on Resolve in favor of Sibae S. Andrews for increase of pension, reported that the same "ought to pass."

Same gentleman from the same committee, on Resolve in favor of Bryant Libby, reported that the same "ought to pass."

Same gentleman from the same committee, on Resolve in favor of John S. Gaddis, reported that the same "ought to pass."

Mr. Pollard from the committee on ways and bridges, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass," Resolve favoring an appropriation for widening the Turnpike road in Camden and Lincolnville.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass," Resolve in favor of the plantation of Wallagrass.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Ernest F. Merrow of Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in



favor of the plantation of New Canada.

The reports were accepted and the several bills and resolves tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Pollard from the committee on ways and bridges, reported "ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of improving a section of the old Military road, in the town of Hodgdon.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the town of Alna.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. Pollard from the committee on ways and bridges, reported "ought not to pass," on Resolve in favor of the town of Cushing, for improvement of the Back Bay road, so called. (Recommitted to the committee, pending the acceptance of the report, on motion by Mr. Jameson of Friendship.)

Same gentleman from the same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of a bridge across Macwahoc Stream, in Macwahoc Plantation. (Tabled pending the acceptance of the report on motion by Mr. Thombs of Lincoln.)

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

House 90: Resolve in favor of the People's Ferry Company, for maintenance.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed.

Senate 35: An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 279 of the Private and Special Laws of 1880, entitled "An Act incorporating the Dead River Log Driving Company."

Senate 33: Resolve appropriating money to assist the town of Whitefield in building a bridge across the Sheepscot river.

Senate 41: Resolve in favor of the repair of bridges in the town of Dresden.

Senate 27: An Act to appropriate moneys for the payment of salaries fixed by law for the year 1915.

Senate 24: An Act construing Chapter 93 of the Public Laws of 1913, relative to the retirement of veterans of the Civil War in the service of the State.

Senate 23: Resolve in favor of preserving the life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries, and for the temporary operation of the hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in this State, and for the protection of fish, game and birds.

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Plummer of Lisbon, House Doc. No. 54, An Act to extend the charter of the Monson Water Company, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Plummer the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. PLUMMER of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition in favor of the constitutional amendment giving the right of suffrage to women, and inasmuch as the hearing is to be held tomorrow, I move that the petition be received under a suspension of the rules in order that it may go to the Senate in time for the hearing tomorrow.

The rules were suspended and Mr. Plummer introduced out of order the petition of Elizabeth Snow and 32 others of Lisbon and vicinity in favor of the constitutional amendment giving the right of suffrage to women, and on further motion by Mr. Plummer the petition was referred to committee on judiciary.

Mr. SNOW of Mars Hill: Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition to the same effect and I would move that the petition be received under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. CHAPLIN of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as there are several petitions in the box relating to this matter, I would move an amendment to the motion already made, by including all the petitions which are now in the box.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state in reply to the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Chaplin, that the motion to receive the petitions in the box at this time would not be in order. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Mars Hill, Mr. Snow, that the rules be suspended and that he have the right to present this petition at this time out of order.

The motion was agreed to.

The rules were suspended and Mr. Snow of Mars Hill introduced petition of Bessie Pierce and 29 others of Mars Hill and Westfield, Aroostook county, in favor of women's suffrage, and on further motion by Mr. Snow the petition was referred to the committee on judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state

that if it is the desire of the House by unanimous consent the box can be opened and the several petitions relating to this matter that are now in the box can be returned to the several members who put them in, and they can be introduced here under a suspension of the rules, as these others have been, if such is the desire of the House.

Mr. Plummer of Lisbon moved that unanimous consent be granted.

The motion was agreed to.

The following petitions were then presented under a suspension of the rules, and were referred to the committee on judiciary:

By Mr. Gerrish of Greenville: Petition of Alice M. Bigney and 69 others of Greenville in favor of women's suffrage.

By Mr. Haskell of Portland: Petition of Gertrude Stevens Leavitt of Portland and 42 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Wise of Guilford: Petition of Elizabeth Ayer and 15 others in favor of same.

My Mr. Wheeler of Brunswick: Petition of Josephine E. Lunt and 101 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Varney of Windham: Petition of Lydia A. Jordan and 37 others of Raymond in favor of same.

By Mr. Harper of Gorham: Petition of Thomas Sims and 61 others of Gorham in favor of same.

My Mr. Chaplin of South Portland: Petition of Edith M. Griffin and 24 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Newell of Turner: Petition of Mrs. M. K. House and 150 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Hill of Corinth: Petition of Mrs. M. Effie Davis of Corinth and 82 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Grant of St. Albans: Petition of Martha L. Boynton and 71 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Millett of Belfast: Petition of Annie M. Frost and 18 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Lawrence of Fairfield: Petition of Mr. W. R. Burrill and 66 others of Fairfield in favor of same.

By Mr. Varney of Windham: Petition of Susan M. Grant and 25 others of South Windham in favor of same.

By Mr. Bragdon of Westbrook: Petition of Jennie Dyer and others in favor of same.

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On motion of Mr. Drapeau of Brunswick,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.