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OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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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.

An act regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents.

This bill came up by special assignment and on motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, was re-assigned, this evening.

An act to incorporate the Damariscotta and Bristol Telephone Company.

This bill came up on its first reading and was read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve laying a tax on counties in the State for the years 1897 and 1898.

This bill came from the House on its first reading. House amendment A was adopted in concurrence, the bill read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve for amendment to the constitution relating to election of senators to fill vacancies. This resolve came up on its first reading.

On motion by Mr. Clason, the rules were suspended and the resolve read the second time.

The Chair: The constitution requires that an amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote, and the Chair will direct the secretary to call the roll. The Chair sees no member of the judiciary committee present who reported this bill, and with the consent of the Senate will make just a word of explanation. Under the constitution as it exists at present, upon the death of a senator, the vacancy must be filled by a choice from one of the next two candidates. Upon the death of a senator from one political party it would then be necessary to choose a member from the other party to fill his place, and this resolve merely submits the question to the people for a new election.

The secretary read the roll and the result was as follows:

Yea—Chamberlain, Clason, Engel, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Merrill, Morrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds, Reynolds, Roberts, Salley, Savage, Sharp, Weeks, Witham.—24.

Absent—Drummond, Simpson, Stearns, Walls, Wyman.—5.

Twenty-four voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, resolve was passed to be engrossed according to the constitutional requirements.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lots in Moro plantation.

This resolve came up on its first reading, was read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Clason, chairman of the committee on legal affairs, made the final report of that committee that they had acted on all matters referred to them. The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Clason, the Senate then took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

Evening Session.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 7.30 P. M.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

HOUSE BILLS READ AND PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

The following bills came from the House on their first reading, and were read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed:

An act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending section 54, of chapter 80, of the Revised Statutes.

An act amendatory and additional to chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to repairs of highways.

An act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange No. 316, was organized.

An act to amend section 7, of chapter 180, of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maine.

An act additional and amendatory to chapter 634, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Railroad.

An act to extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company.

An act to amend section 5, of chapter 22, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of truant officers.

An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1897, amounting to the sum of \$905,179.49.

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The majority and minority reports on An act authorizing the United Indurated Fibre Company of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electric power were received.

Majority report, "ought not to pass," signed by Messrs. Savage, Drummond, Knowlton, Fogler, Hamilton and Philbrook.

Minority report, "ought to pass," signed by Messrs. Stearns, Weeks and Smith.

On motion by Mr. Savage, the bill was laid on the table and tomorrow morning specially assigned.

An act repealing section 87, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, 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.

On motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, this bill was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, the Senate non-concurred in the