

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Sixty-Eighth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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The question being upon the motion of Mr. Stearns, 14 voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

#### UNITED STATES FIBER COMPANY.

An act authorizing the United States Fiber Company of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electric power.

This bill came up by special assignment, the question being upon concurrence with the House in the adoption of the majority report "ought not to pass."

Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, spoke in favor of the bill and urged the adoption of the minority report, "ought to pass."

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, spoke for the majority report and against the measure.

Upon motion by Mr. Stearns, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas—Parsons, Sharp, Stearns, Weeks,

—4.

Nays—Chamberlain, Clason, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Morrill, Pike, Poor, Reynolds, Reynolds, Roberts, Salley, Savage, Walls, Witham.—20.

Absent—Drummond, Merrill, Simpson, Wyman.—4.

Mr. Engel of Penobscot, who would have voted "no," paired with Mr. Billings of Waldo, who would have voted "yes."

And four voting in the affirmative and 20 in the negative, the motion to non-concur was lost. The majority report of the committee, "ought not to pass," was then accepted in concurrence.

#### CIGARETTE BILL.

An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

This bill, in the House passed to be engrossed, read once in the Senate and tabled pending adoption of Senate amendment A offered by Mr. Walls of Knox.

Senate amendment A. Section I of said bill is hereby amended by inserting after the words "give away," the words "to any minor under age of 21 years."

Mr. Witham of Cumberland, said that the committee on temperance had given this matter due consideration, as from the number of petitions received, it had seemed a matter of unusual importance. The amendment under consideration by the Senate had already been rejected in the House and the bill passed. He believed that the bill was meritorious and should stand for itself, and hoped that the amendment would be rejected.

Mr. Walls of Knox, advocated the amendment. He presumed that it was the duty of legislators to prohibit all those things that would be to the injury of mankind, but that in legislation of this kind they should put the restrictions or prohibitions upon those who were already under guardianship or in their minority. Those who were over age should have left to them the possession of their rights and individuality, and the responsibility left upon them relative to their own actions. There should be a line drawn somewhere, establishing a just medium of legislation,

and he hoped that the amendment would prevail.

Mr. Morrill of Cumberland, advocated the measure. A petition of 16,000 names had been presented calling for a law of this nature, while there were but 228 remonstrants. It had been clearly demonstrated that there was not a particle of good arising from the use of cigarettes, while on the other hand they were exceedingly detrimental to health in a great many ways.

Upon motion by Mr. Witham, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was then upon the adoption of the amendment.

Yeas—Clason, Engel, Ferguson, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Parsons, Pike, Reynolds, Savage, Stearns, Walls, Wyman.—15.

Nays—Chamberlain, Grindle, Hargraves, Morrill, Poor, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Weeks, Witham.—10.

Absent—Merrill, Simpson.—2.

Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, who would have voted "no," paired with Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, who would have voted "yes."

And 15 voting in the affirmative and 10 in the negative, the amendment was adopted.

The following communication was received:

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 interest and the 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 interest 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 regard in a less formal way, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. LITTLEFIELD.

On motion by Mr. McCullough of Washington, the secretary of the Senate was directed to 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.

On motion by Mr. Pike of York, the Senate took a recess until 3.00 o'clock P. M.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 3 o'clock.

Papers from the House.

Resolve in favor of Ex-Governor King's monument.

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

Resolve to care for the unfinished buildings of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

This resolve came from the House