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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Second Special Session

OF THE

One Hundred and First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

September 28 - September 30, 1964

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SENATE

Wednesday, September 30, 1964

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Boardman of Washington, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Enactors

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

Emergency Measures

Bill An Act relating to Sale and Distribution of the Revised Statutes, Supplements Thereto and the Session Laws (S. P. 711) (L. D. 1687)

Which bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 26 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Bill An Act to Authorize School Administrative District No. 31 to Issue Bonds or Notes for Capital Outlay Purposes in an Amount not to Exceed \$300,000 (S. P. 716) (L. D. 1681)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 26 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Bill, An Act to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds by School Administrative District No. 34 (H. P. 1171) (L. D. 1683)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Bill, An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Addison, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington and Milbridge to Form a School Administrative District. (H. P. 1172) (L. D. 1682)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Bond Issue—Emergency

Bill, An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Twenty-five Million Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities. (S. P. 713) (L. D. 1678)

Under the Constitution, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Senate Members present is required for the enactment of this bill.

Having received the affirmative vote of 28 members of the Senate, the Bill was passed to be enacted.

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Bill An Act Providing for Approval of Legislature for Expenditure of Bond Proceeds and Pollution Abatement Facilities. (S. P. 714) (L. D. 1679)

Bill An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Public Laws of the State. (S. P. 708)

Bill An Act to Repeal the Acts Consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four. (S. P. 709) (L. D. 1685)

Bill An Act Relating to Composition of Certain District Court Districts. (S. P. 715) (L. D. 1689)

Bill An Act Authorizing the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority to Install a Movable Draw Span on the Lower Deck Level at Pier 21 of the Piscataqua River Bridge. (H. P. 1173) (L. D. 1684)

Resolve Authorizing the Attorney General to Convey Certain Land in Raymond to the Town of Raymond. (H. P. 1174) (L. D. 1690)

Which bills were passed to be enacted.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I rise to yield to the senior member of this body, Senator Wyman of Washington, for the purpose of making a few brief remarks with which I heartily concur.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate: Insofar as I know at this time . . . or that anyone cares to predict . . . this is the final session of the 101st Maine Legislature.

It has been a record one, complete with two special sessions. I am confident that the record will show it to have been a conscientious, productive . . . yes, even a progressive one.

When the 102nd Session convenes here next January, there will be many new faces, new leadership, new problems. Like you, I am sure that the state's business will be in good hands.

Before that day arrives, however, I think it is most fitting that we pay special tribute to one member of the 101st Legislature who will not be serving in the 102nd Session.

This will be by choice . . . not necessarily the choice of the citizens of his county, but for the personal reasons that he has outlined to all of us and to the people of our state.

I am positive that all of you will agree that his absence from the area of public service, for at least these next two years, will be missed . . . just as much as his service these past four years has been admired and cherished.

Many able, hard-working and conscientious men have assumed the mantle of leadership in both branches of our Legislative bodies. Some are remembered today. A few have made a definite mark on the pages of Maine's history books.

The man I want to honor briefly today, in my opinion . . . and I know you agree with me . . . fits all these descriptions, to the point where he will be listed among our most notable Senate leaders.

He directed our deliberative body with finesse, with an understanding of both human and state problems and with an awareness of public thinking that can be described as keenly accurate. He gave of his time, his thinking and his experience to the extent that even those few who might have disagreed with him nonetheless tendered him the highest of respect.

Robert A. Marden . . . Senator . . . Senate President . . . public servant:

You have earned the highest of respect from your colleagues in this, the 101st Maine Legislature.

May I say simply, honestly and directly:

You have earned the distinct honor of being a peer among your fellows . . . and the State of Maine has reaped the benefits. (Applause)

PRESIDENT MARDEN: Thank you, Senator Wyman. I do not know what you are supposed to say at a time like this. I thank you and every member of this Senate. Experience is worth a lot and I have had a wonderful experience. You shouldn't say anything unless you have something to say, like the seven year old boy about whom his parents were very concerned because, after all, he was seven years old and had not said a word yet, not one word, and they had consulted specialists and they were extremely disappointed until one morning at breakfast time the seven year old said, "My cereal is cold." Of course the parents were elated and burst into tears and they embraced the child and asked him why after all this time he had suddenly decided to speak and he said, "Because up to now everything has been satisfactory." (Laughter)

I don't plan to go anywhere and die just yet but I have a good wife and four children and a mortgage like everybody else and it is probably time I paid some attention to them.

When I say thank you that is the only way I can say it, and that goes for everybody and it would be unfair for me to single anybody out. Of course I will have to thank my friend from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds and my friend from Cumberland, Senator Brooks privately, but "Chet" and the people in the House and Phil Jacques and Romey and the boys from the Democratic Party I thank too. I think of the words of a folk tune my children sing when we are traveling. It goes like this:

"When I first came into this land

I was not a wealthy man.
I named my farm "The muscle in my arm",

I named my axe "Don't relax",

But the land was sweet and good

And I did what I could."

I thank you very much. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Campbell of Kennebec, Ordered the House concurring, that each member of the Revision Committee be given a copy of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated enacted at this special session as a token of the Legislature's appreciation of their services on the committee.

Which was read and passed and ordered sent forthwith to the House.

On motion by Mr. WYMAN of Washington

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that the Senate has transacted all the business before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

Which was read and passed, and the President appointed Senator Wyman of Washington to convey the message.

Subsequently that Senator returned, saying he had fulfilled the duty with which he was charged.

A message was received from the House of Representatives through Representative Bradford Wellman stating that that body had acted upon all matters before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them, and are ready to receive any further communication he may be pleased to make. (S. P. 723)

The Chair appointed as Senate members of such Committee:

Senators: JACQUES of
Androscoggin
BOISVERT of
Androscoggin
REED of Sagadahoc

Subsequently, the Committee returned to the Senate, having conveyed the message, and Senator Jacques reported that His Excellency, Governor John H. Reed would send a message to this body forthwith.

At this point the Governor's secretary presented a message to the Senate which was read by the Secretary as follows:

State of Maine
Office of the Governor
Augusta

September 30, 1964

The Honorable Senate and
House of Representatives
101st Legislature

Upon the adjournment of the Second Special Session of the 101st Legislature it is my duty to submit to you a tabulation of the results of your action.

There were 10 Acts approved.

There was 1 Resolve approved.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the prompt and efficient manner in which you have acted upon the recommendations I made for legislative action.

You have accepted an excellent revision of the Maine Statutes.

The action you have taken to make possible the consideration of a General Fund Bond Issue by the electorate for the construction of pollution abatement facilities is an historic step forward toward solving a problem of long existence in our State.

You have referred to the 102nd Legislature the question of reactivation of the Constitutional Commission. I would recommend that the Legislature continue to be cognizant of the present Supreme Court ruling and its possible effect upon our Legislative structure.

I am exceedingly pleased by the favorable consideration you have given to the other measures contained in my call for this Special Session.

In this, my final communication to you, I thank you for your service to the State, for the support you have given to strengthening Maine government, and for your

steadfast devotion to the best interests of all our people.

May you enjoy a safe journey home and every success in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) John H. Reed
Governor

Which was read and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT: Now with best wishes to each of you, the Chair now recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Christie.

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, it is always a pleasure to come back and greet old friends and to have the fellowship we have together here. It has been a pleasure to me. I am rather sad when I think of some of us who will not be coming back, but we must go on.. I move that the Senate adjourn without day.

Thereupon, Honorable ROBERT MARDEN, President of the Senate at 11:10 A.M., Wednesday, September 30, 1964 declared the Special Session of the 101st Legislature adjourned without day.