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### LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

# One Hundred and Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1965

DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL AUGUSTA, MAINE

#### HOUSE

Tuesday, January 19, 1965

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ondon Stairs of Augusta.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

#### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 74)
Maine State Highway Commission
Augusta, Maine

January 13, 1965

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Second Legislature, and To the Honorable Members of the Executive Council

Attached herewith is a complimentary copy of the latest edition of the General Highway Atlas of Maine. This atlas is prepared by the State Highway Commission's Planning and Traffic Division in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads.

Each member of the Legislature and each member of the Executive Council is receiving one copy of this atlas without charge. Additional copies are available at a nominal charge to cover our printing costs and handling charges. This cost amounts to \$5 per copy of the atlas and 15 cents per sheet with a \$1 minimum charge.

Respectfully,

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
(Signed) DAVID H. STEVENS
David H. Stevens
Chairman

(Signed) CARL M. STILPHEN
Carl M. Stilphen, Member
(Signed)

BERTRAND A. LaCHARITE Bertrand A. LaCharite, Member Came from the Senate read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file in concurrence.

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Secretary Pert of that body, proposing a Joint Convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering to the Councilors-elect the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties as Executive Councilors.

Thereupon, the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention. The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate to that effect.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Windham, Mrs. Harvey, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 75)

STATE OF MAINE FOREST SERVICE AUGUSTA

January 14, 1965

To Members of the 102nd Legislature:

Pursuant to Chapter 415 of the Public Laws of 1963, attached are copies of "A Proposal for State Control, Allagash Wilderness Waterway" which fulfills the charge to report on this subject to the members of the 102nd Legislature (S. P. 75).

AUSTIN H. WILKINS, Secretary

Allagash River Authority

Came from the Senate read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Sabbatical Leaves for Faculty Members at the State Teachers Colleges" (S. P. 54) (L. D. 116)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Money to Match Federal Funds Provided under Titles III and V-A of the National Defense Education Act" (S. P. 56) (L. D. 117)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Group Life Insurance for State Employees Retired for Other Than Occupational Liability" (S. P. 57) (L. D. 118)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve to Reimburse Allen Bragdon of Ashland for Loss of Poultry (S. P. 58) (L. D. 119) Came from the Senate referred

to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Part-Time School Attendance" (S. P. 59) (L. D. 120)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education. In the House, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Determining Position of Names of Candidates on Primary Ballot" (S. P. 60) (L. D. 121)

Bill "An Act Determining Position of Names of Nominees on General Election Ballot" (S. P. 61) (L. D. 122)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Election Laws in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Allocate Money from the General Highway Fund for State Aid Construction" (S. P. 62) (L. D. 123)

Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1966 and June 30, 1967" (S. P. 63) (L. D. 124)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways. In the House, referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Trespass on Land of the University of Maine" (S. P. 64) (L. D. 125)
Bill "An Act Providing for an

Additional District Court Judge and Relating to Composition of Certain District Court Districts' (S. P. 65) (L. D. 126)

(S. P. 65) (L. D. 126)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalties under Dealer of Livestock Law" (S. P. 66) (L. D. 127)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Laws Relating to the District Court" (S. P. 67) (L. D. 128)
Came from the Senate referred

to the Committee on Judiciary. In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in con-

currence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Sunday Auctions" (S. P. 68) (L. D. 129)

Bill "An Act Permitting Merger of Maine General Hospital with Maine Medical Center" (S. P. 69) (L. D. 130)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Restaurant under Liquor Law" (S. P. 70) (L. D. 131)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Con-

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing for Coverage of Employees of Maine State Employees Association under State Retirement System" (S. P. 71) (L. D. 132)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of State Humane Agents" (S. P. 72) (L. D. 133)

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands in the Unorganized Territory (S. P. 73) (L. D. 134)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

#### Messages and Documents

The following Communication: (H. P. 223)

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR **AUGUSTA** 

January 18, 1965

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives The 102nd Legislature

Grateful acknowledgement made of the sympathy and condolences extended to me and members of the Reed family by the Legislature on the death of my father, Walter M. Reed, Sr.

The presence at the services of the official delegation from the House and Senate was deeply appreciated and your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Sincerely.

(Signed)

JOHN H. REED John H. Reed Governor

The Communication was read, ordered placed on file and sent up for concurrence.

#### Petitions. Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Commit-

#### Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to False Registration of Livestock" (H. P. 183) (Presented by Mr. Hunter of Durham)

(Ordered Printed) Sent up for concurrence.

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Appropriation to Adjust State Employees' Pay" (H. P. 184) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Orono and Mr. Ross of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Study of a State Building Code and Anti-Shack Statute" (H. P. 185) (Presented by Mr. Bishop of Presque Isle)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Create a Recess Committee to Study Guardianship of Retarded Persons' (H. P. 186) (Presented by Mrs. Carswell of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing Funds for a School Library Supervisor in the Department of Education" (H. P. 187) (Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Unexpended Balance of Appropriation for Maine's Participation in the New York World's Fair" (H. P. 188) (Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing Preparation and Sale of Index to Private and Special Laws (H. P. 189) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing for Purchase of Fifty Copies of History of Brownfield, Bicentennial Edition (H. P. 190) (Presented by Mr. Dunn of Denmark)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Provide Funds Construction of a Water Storage Dam Across the Weskeag River (H. P. 191) (Presented by Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing Funds for Conservation Education (H. P. 192) (Presented by Mr. Poulin of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Marine Research Society of Bath for Support and Maintenance of Museum (H. P. 193) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Purchase Fifty Copies of "History of Madison" (H. P. 194) (Presented by Mr. Stoutamyer of Madison)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Business Legislation**

"An Providing  $\mathbf{for}$ Act Group Insurance for Civilian Technicians Employed by the Military" (H. P. 195) (Presented by Mr. Fortier of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act in Relation to Capital Stock of Rumford Bank and Trust Company" (H. P. 196) (Presented by Mr. Fraser of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Uninsured Motorist Coverage in Insurance Policies" (H. P. (Presented by Mr. Ross of Brown-

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Education

"An Act Authorizing the Municipalities of Perham, Wade and Washburn to Form a School Administrative District' (H. P. 198) (Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Salaries for Teachers" (H. P. 199) (Presented by Mr. Carroll of Limerick)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Municipalities of Buckfield, Hartford and Sumner to Form a School Administrative District" (H. P. 200) (Presented by Mr. Eustis of Dixfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Pilot Programs for School Entrance Age" (H. P. 201) (Presented by Mr. Graham of Freeport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Requiring Childhood Education Programs for Five-Year-Olds" (H. P. 202) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Com-pensation of Treasurer of Georges Valley Community School District" (H. P. 203) (Presented by Mr. Hawes of Union)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Adjusting the School Tax Rate in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 204) (Presented by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Simplifying Computation of Special Education Subsidy" (H. P. 205) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Privately Owned Trade and Technical Schools" (H. P. 206) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Stonington)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Municipalities of Atkinson, Lake View Plantation and Milo to Form a School Administrative District' (H. P. 207) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Brownville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Tax Assessments for Flanders Bay Community School District" (H. P. 208) (Presented by Mr. Young of Gouldsboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Provide Funds for Teaching Boat Building in SAD No. 5 by Maine Vocational Technical Institute (H. P. 209) (Presented by Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston)

(Ordered Printed)

tier of Farmington)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services Bill "An Act Providing for the Rehabilitation of Alcoholics" (H. P. 210) (Presented by Mr. Whit-

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Highways**

Bill "An Act relating to Permits by Highway Commission for Trucks in Construction Areas" (H. P. 211) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Maintenance and Snow Removal of Certain State Highways" (H. P. 212) (Presented by Mr. Libhart of Brewer)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Live Bait in Cochnewagon Lake, Kennebec County" (H. P. 213) (Presented by Mrs. Baker of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Creating a Hunting Accident Reserve Fund" (H. P. 214) (Presented by Mr. Beane of Moscow)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Alewives in Tremont, Hancock County" (H. P. 215) (Presented by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Publications of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (H. P. 216) (Presented by Mr. Champagne of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting for Pheasants" (H. P. 217) (Pre-

sented by Mr. Cookson of Glenburn by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Bounty on Porcupines" (H. P. 218) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Granting Complimentary Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Certain Maine Residents in Armed Forces" (H. P. 219) (Presented by Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Setting Traps Near Beaver Dams" (H. P. 220) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Tagging and Marking Beaver Skins" (H. P. 221) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Bounty on Bears" (H. P. 222) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Taking of Fish as Bait in Certain Inland Waters" (H. P. 224) (Presented by Mr. Poulin of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for Adequate Fishways in Dams" (H. P. 225) (Presented by Mr. Roy of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Directing a Study of the Moose Population in Maine (H. P. 226) (Presented by Mr Cookson of Glenburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Fish Screen at Outlet of Rangeley Lake (H. P. 227) (Presented by Mr. Palmer of Phillips)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Shooting Human Being While Hunting" (H. P. 228) (Presented by Mr. Baldic of Waterville by request) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Liquor Licenses for Sales

of Liquor to Minors" (H. P. 229) (Presented by Mr. Lane of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing Kermit O. Stadig to Bring Civil Action Against State of Maine (H. P. 230) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Definition and Standards for Apprenticeship Agreements" (H. P. 231) (Presented by Mr. Dumont of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Average Weekly Wages under Workmen's Compensation Law" (H. P. 232) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relative to the Granting of Licenses for Certain Businesses and Purposes by the Municipal Officers of the Town of Boothbay Harbor" (H. P. 233) (Presented by Mr. Buck of Southport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Number of Members of Superintending School Committee of Town of Fairfield" (H. P. 234) (Presented by Mr. Champagne of Fairfield) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relative to the Granting of Licenses for Certain Businesses and Purposes by the Municipal Officers of Town of Wells" (H. P. 235) (Presented by Mr. Cressey of North Berwick) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Allowance for Uniforms of the Police Department of the City of Lewiston" (H. P. 236) (Presented by Mr. Dostie of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for Payment of Personal Property Taxes before Registration of Motor Vehicles and for Hunting and Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 237) (Presented by Mr. Hawes of Union) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Trespass on Unimproved Land Devoted to Preservation of Wildlife" (H. P. 238) (Presented by Mr. Healy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Certain Financial Provisions of Charter of City of Rockland" (H. P. 239). (Presented by Mr. Knight of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Changing Name of Ames Cove, Knox County, to Flood's Cove (H. P. 240) (Presented by Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Premises under Liquor Law" (H. P. 241) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Hotel under Liquor Law" (H. P. 242) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sunday Sales of Liquor by Hotels, Restaurants, Taverns and Retail Stores" (H. P. 243) (Presented by Mr. Roy of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Public Utilities**

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Kittery Sewer District" (H. P. 244) (Presented by Mr. Avery of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Auburn Sewerage District" (H. P. 245) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Dissolution of York Sewer District" (H. P. 246) (Presented by Mr. Erwin of York)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Retirements and Pensions

Bill "An Act relating to Service Retirement of Enforcement Officers of Departments of Inland Fisheries and Game and Sea and Shore Fisheries" (H. P. 247) (Presented by Mr. Champagne of Fairfield).

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing Increases in Retirement Allowances for Certain Retired Fish and Game Wardens (H. P. 248) (Presented by Mr. Crommett of Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Repealing the Time Limitation on Law Repealing the Two Inch Soft-Shell Clam Law" (H. P. 249) (Presented by Mr. Lowery of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty Relative to Short Lobsters" (H. P. 250) (Presented by Mr. Prince of Harpswell)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### State Government

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game" (H. P. 251) (Presented by Mr. Baldic of Waterville by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Legislative Finance Officer" (H. P. 252) (Presented by Mr. Lane of Waterville and Mr. Kennedy of Milbridge)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of Personnel Board" (H. P. 253) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Legislative Counsel and Legislative Agent" (H. P. 254) (Presented by Mr. Roy of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Nineteen Years (H. P. 255) (Presented by Mr. Binnette of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Eliminate the Office of Treasurer of State (H. P. 256) (Presented by Mr. Doyle of Caribou)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Bill "An Act Directing an Improvement of Property Tax Administration" (H. P. 257) (Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Exempting Nonrevenue-producing Real Property on Airports from Property Tax" (H. P. 258) (Presented by Mr. Hawes of Union by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing Additional Funds for Education by Sweepstake Races" (H. P. 259) (Presented by Mr. Roy of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Uniforms for Deputy Sheriffs" (H. P. 260) (Presented by Mr. Crommett of Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of and Per Diem Fees of Deputy Sheriffs" (H. P. 261) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Register of Probate of Piscataguis County" (H. P. 262) (Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Crosby of Kennebunk be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

On motion of Mr. Knight of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House purchase ten thousand (10,000) copies of the folder entitled "This is Your Legislature", and ten thousand (10,000) copies of the pamphlet entitled "How a Bill Becomes a Law in Maine", from the League of Women Voters of Maine for the use of members of the Legislature.

Mr. Binnette of Old Town was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.
Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker

Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to call to the attention of the Members of the House the death of Otis J. Roberts, Sr. who served faithfully in this House for five terms. His funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in Dexter.

The SPEAKER: The Chair

thanks the gentleman.

#### House Reports of Committees Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Straight Party Ballot in the Election Laws" (H. P. 17) (L. D. 17)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LETOURNEAU of York
McDONALD

of Piscataquis
of the Senate.

Messrs. BINNETTE of Old Town
BOURGOIN of Fort Kent
JORDAN of Lincoln
WUORI of Oxford
DICKINSON of Mars Hill
CUSHING of Bucksport
HAWES of Union

— of the House. Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. DUNN of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian.

Mr. SAHAGIAN: Mr. Speaker, I move this matter be tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday next, January 26, pending acceptance of either Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian, moves that the Bill and Re-

ports be tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, January 26.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette, and would remind the gentleman that a tabling motion is not debatable except for time.

Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker, I move we accept the Majority Report on this bill.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian, that the Reports and Bill be tabled and specially assigned for January 26. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, a division of the House was had.

Seventy-two having voted in the affirmative and fifty-eight having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did prevail.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Educational Assistance for Orphans of Veterans" (H. P. 1) (L. D. 1) Was reported by the Commit-

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Shortening the Period of Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure." (H. P. 137)

Tabled — January 14, by Mr. Bussiere of Lewiston.

Pending - Reference.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Bussiere of Lewiston, referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Limiting Number of Lobster Traps Per Person." (H. P. 164)

Tabled — January 14, by Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston.

Pending - Reference.

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today as-

signed matter:

Bill "An Act relating to Legislative Apportionment of Cranberry Isles, Hancock County." (H. P. 164)

Tabled — January 14, by Mr. Richardson of Stonington.

Pending - Reference.

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Stonington, retabled pending reference and specially assigned for Thursday, January 21.

The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act relating to Tandem Axle Weights." (H. P. 60)

Tabled — January 14, by Mr. Gifford of Manchester.

Pending — Reference.

On motion of Mr. Gifford of Manchester, referred to the Committee on Transportation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, the House voted to take from the Table the first tabled and unassigned matter:

HOUSE JOINT ORDER, relative to Legislative Finance Officer being Authorized to Approve the Expenses of his Office and Accounts for Payment.

Tabled — January 13, by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

Pending — Passage. (Ordered Reproduced)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have had the Order reproduced. I think it is self-explanatory. It merely now gives the power to this officer that all other department heads have to approve of his own expenditures, supplies for his office. Presently, this is done through the Clerk's office.

I now move passage of the Order.

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence. (H. P. 263)

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

#### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

At this point, the Senate entered the Hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed.

#### In Convention

President Reed in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman.

The Chair appointed the following Committee to convey a message to the Councilors-elect informing them that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Senators:

BOISVERT

of Androscoggin McDONALD of Piscataquis GLASS of Waldo

Representatives:

ANDERSON of Orono WHEELER of Portland MILLS of Eastport MITCHELL of Frankfort ROSS of Brownville PAYSON of Falmouth PIKE of Lubec

Senator Boisvert for the Committee subsequently reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned to it, and that the Councilors-elect would attend forthwith.

Thereupon, the Honorables Lorenzo Pelletier, Robert Milliken, Denis Blais, Carl Cianchette, Richard Broderick and Nathan Cohen, entered the Hall, and in the presence of both branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councilors then withdrew amid the applause of the Convention.

The purpose for which the Convention was called having been accomplished, the Chairman declared the same dissolved.

The Senate retired to the Senate Chamber, amid applause of the House, the members rising.

#### In the House

The House was called to order by Speaker Childs.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

(Off record remarks by the Clerk.)

On motion of Mr. Bernard of Sanford.

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.