

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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OF THE

*One Hundred and Sixth  
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1974

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## HOUSE

Wednesday, January 9, 1974

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robert M. Butler of Jefferson.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

### Orders Out of Order

Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Warene Chase of Gardiner be appointed Honorary Page for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Chris Hall of Coventry, England be appointed Honorary Page for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

### Papers from the Senate Report of Committee Ought to pass with Senate Amendment

Bill "An Act Relating to Breaking and Entering, and Larceny of, Trailers and Semitrailers" (S. P. 712) (L. D. 2124) Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once. Senate Amendment "A" (S-307) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence and tomorrow assigned for second reading of the Bill.

### 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 Committees:

### County Government

Bill "An Act to Authorize a Food Stamp Program in Cumberland County" (H. P. 1831) (Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act Relating to Expending Cumberland County Funds at County Jail and Recreation Center" (H. P. 1832) (Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Education

Bill "An Act Providing Aid for Ricker College" (H. P. 1833) (Presented by Mr. Haskell of Houlton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Specifically Include Sundays in the Seasonal Date Limitations for Hunting in Commercial Shooting Areas" (H. P. 1836) (Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Labor

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage" (H. P. 1801) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Resolve Authorizing the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to Enter into License Agreements for Use of its Publications (H. P. 1838) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Marine Resources

Bill "An Act Relating to the V-notching of Lobsters" (H. P. 1834) (Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### State Government

Bill "An Act Relating to Conflicts of Interest in Municipal Contracts and Proceedings Pursuant to the Securities Ap-

proval Act" (H. P. 1835) (Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais)  
 (Ordered Printed)  
 Sent up for concurrence.

#### Veterans and Retirement

Resolve Providing Retirement Benefits for Seraphine Stevens of Pleasant Point (H. P. 1837) (Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport)  
 (Ordered Printed)  
 Sent up for concurrence.

#### Consent Calendar

##### First Day

(H. P. 1670) (L. D. 2063) Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Wesleyan Board of Education" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 1672) (L. D. 2065) Emergency Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Caribou Hospital District" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-625)

(H. P. 1700) (L. D. 2093) Bill "An Act Relating to Voting Shares of Stock of Northeast Harbor Golf Club" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 1702) (L. D. 2095) Emergency Bill "An Act to Permit Town of North Berwick to Accept a Conveyance of the Friends Burying Ground and the Endowments Connected Therewith" Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 1706) (L. D. 2099) Emergency Bill "An Act to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Borrowing of Money and the Purchase and Transfer of Certain Real Estate to the Dover-Foxcroft Housing Development Corporation by the Town of Dover-Foxcroft" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 1735) (L. D. 2181) Emergency Bill "An Act Relating to Number of Directors of Hospital Administrative District No. 4 in Piscataquis, Somerset and Penobscot Counties" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 1751) (L. D. 2210) Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bangor Recreation Center" — Committee on

Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" (H. P. 1752) (L. D. 2211) Bill "An Act to Describe a Section of the Town Line Between the Towns of Bristol and Bremen" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

No objection having been noted, were assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

#### Consent Calendar Second Day

(H. P. 1679) (L. D. 2072) Emergency Bill "An Act Relating to Membership on Maine State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission" (C. "A" H-624)

(S. P. 779) (L. D. 2235) Bill "An Act Relating to Threatening Communications"

(S. P. 716) (L. D. 2128) Bill "An Act Changing Name of Maine Tuberculosis and Health Association"

(S. P. 719) (L. D. 2131) Bill "An Act Relating to Name of the Better Business Bureau of Maine, Inc."

(S. P. 725) (L. D. 2137) Bill "An Act Relating to Change of Name of The Right to Life Committee"

(S. P. 721) (L. D. 2133) Emergency Bill "An Act Relating to Investment of State Funds and Revenue Sharing Funds in Interest Bearing Accounts"

(S. P. 773) (L. D. 2220) Bill "An Act Relating to Guardianship of Incapacitated Adults in Need of Protective Service"

No objection having been noted, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Increasing Borrowing Capacity of School Administrative District No. 64" (H. P. 1692) (L. D. 2085)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-623) 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 to Require District Attorneys to Prosecute all Criminal Cases before the District Courts" (S. P. 711) (L. D. 2123)

Tabled — January 8, by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

Pending — Acceptance of either Report.

(In the Senate Minority "Ought to pass" Report accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by S. "A" (S 308).

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate appearing on Supplement No. 1 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent.

Bills from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in concurrence.

The following Communication appearing on Supplement No. 2 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

The following Communication:

January 9, 1974

Mrs. Louise Lincoln, Clerk  
House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Lincoln:

Pursuant to House Order, H-1654, passed by the 106th Legislature on July 3, 1973, creating the House Apportionment Commission, submitted herewith are copies of this Commission's report.

Respectfully  
(Signed) NANCY N. MASTERTON  
Chairman  
House Apportionment Commission

The Communication was read and with accompanying Report ordered placed on file.

Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake was granted unanimous consent to address the House:

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies

and Gentlemen of the House: You will have very shortly distributed to you copies of the House Apportionment Plan. The gentleman from East Millinocket and myself and other members of this body and members of the other body and members of the public served on this particular Commission Plan. I am sure that of the 151 members there will be 151 members that will be displeased with it. I suspect that this is true of most commission plans, or probably of any reapportionment plan that anyone tries to work out.

I will tell you this much, one of the most difficult things that one can attempt to do is to attempt to district yourself or members of your own party or members of your legislative body to which you happen to be a member of. It is a very difficult thing, because you try to work out the problems, and actually every time you do that you create some.

It is my hope that after you have looked at the report somewhat this morning, the one that is being distributed to you now, that you will at least say that we have attempted to do a fair job. I suspect that none of you will be pleased with all of its results.

(Off Record Remarks)

The SPEAKER: We are pleased to see in the back of the House Nancy N. Masterton, who is the author of the letter and publication which you have. She has been chairwoman of the House Reapportionment Commission, and we would appreciate it, Nancy, if you would walk down to the front of the hall. We appreciate the many hours you have put in.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Nancy Masterton to the front of the hall of the House, amid applause, the members rising.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, Adjourned until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning.