

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

One Hundred and Sixth

Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1973

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Tuesday, January 9, 1973

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Lawrence Merckens of Hallowell.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notes the presence in the Senate Chamber this morning of Senator Wyman and Senator Huber who, I understand, have taken and subscribed to the proper oath of office. The Senate welcomes you to the Chamber. (Applause)

**Papers From the House
Joint Order**

WHEREAS, the Tigers of Dexter Regional High School have won the 1972 Little Ten Football Conference and are Co-Class C Football Champions of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, this courageous team has represented their families, school and community well, both on and off the athletic field in the true tradition of champions; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Dexter, Exeter, Garland and Ripley have joined in support of this winning team and its individual stars with just and victorious pride; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the members of the 106th Maine Legislature now assembled in regular session, take this opportunity to commend the Tigers of Dexter High School and their Head Coach, Charles Collins, for their accomplishment in the field of sports and wish them continued success in their effort to honor their school, community and State; and be it further

ORDERED, that a suitable copy of this Order be transmitted forthwith to the principal and coach of SAD 46 and to each of the towns represented. (H. P. 82)

Comes from the House Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

Communication**STATE OF MAINE**

Special Interim Committee on
Legislative Structure and
Procedure
State House

Augusta, Maine 04330

January, 1973

To the Members of the 106th
Legislature:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the Report of the Special Interim Committee on Legislative Structure and Procedure. The committee has formulated several recommendations directed at strengthening the Maine Legislature.

We have not attempted to point out or resolve all the weaknesses of the Legislature; however, in our deliberations we have achieved consensus on a number of issues. Obviously there were many others which were raised and not pursued; and still others which were not discussed at all.

However modest our recommendations may seem to many, the Committee recognized early in its sessions that partial reform is better than no reform at all, and that first steps, though not revolutionary, are better than the advocacy of sweeping reforms which have little chance of enactment.

The Committee has devoted much time and effort to its study and sincerely hopes that the work of this Committee can be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

RICHARD W. STILLINGS

Chairman
(H. P. 67)

Comes from the House, Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Which was Read, and with accompanying papers Ordered Placed on File in concurrence.

**Senate Papers
Appropriations and Financial
Affairs**

Mr. Brennan of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1973." (S. P. 40)

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Mr. Anderson of Hancock presented Bill, "An Act Providing for Rest Rooms in Laundromats." (S. P. 41)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Mr. Anderson of Hancock presented Bill, "An Act Regulating the Use of Power Boats on Upper Lead Mountain Pond and Alligator Lake, Hancock County." (S. P. 39)

Which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Marine Resources

Mr. Anderson of Hancock presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Season for Taking Smelts in the Town of Surry, Hancock County." (S. P. 44)

On motion by the same Senator, referred to the Committee on Marine Resources and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Shute of Franklin presented Bill, "An Act Creating the Free Flow of Information Act." (S. P. 43)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Cox of Penobscot presented Bill, "An Act Changing Name of Promote Recreation and Industry Down East, Inc." (S. P. 38)

Mr. Joly of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Trustees Power to Hold Property and Change of Name of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." (S. P. 45)

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Conley of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Creating the Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act." (S. P. 13) (L. D. 76)

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State Government

Mr. Hichens of York presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Animal Welfare." (S. P. 42)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Hichens of York presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Age Limit for Motor Vehicle Operator Licenses." (S. P. 14) (L. D. 77)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Wyman of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate:

Mr. WYMAN: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Words are inadequate to express my appreciation and that of my family for all the kind thoughts shown us by Sarah's friends. There have been so many cards, letters, telephone calls, donations to the Heart Fund and flowers from members of this Legislature, as well as from the Legislative Staff, and especially the magnificent basket of red roses and white chrysanthemums from the Senate, that it is difficult for our daughters and me to thank each and every one of you personally. However, I do want you to know that in such a trying time your expressions of sympathy have been a great comfort and have made our sorrow easier to bear. Finally, we are extremely touched by the resolution of sympathy adopted by this Senate and so thoughtfully presented to us in framed form last Thursday.

To those of you who knew Sarah when she was in good health, I

am sure you appreciated her quick wit, as well as her keen mind and good judgment. Even those of you who have known her only in recent years, when her health was not the best, in a measure recognized her many fine qualities. Sarah could not have been a more wonderful, tolerant, understanding and helpful partner. Your expressions of sympathy would have

overwhelmed her, and are far beyond anything she could have imagined. Once more, I, as well as the family, shall always be grateful for your thoughtfulness.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.