

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 16, 1973

Senate called to order by the president.

Prayer by The Honorable Richard N. Berry of Cape Elizabeth.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Papers from the House Joint Order

ORDERED,

WHEREAS, the "Red Eddies" of the Edward Little High School, Auburn, Maine have won the 1972, Class A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team has represented their families, school and community in an exemplary way both on and off the field in the true tradition of champions and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is justly proud of its team's and school's accomplishment; 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 extol and commend the "Red Eddies" of Edward Little High School, Auburn, Maine and their head coach, Lawrence "Doc" Hersom and his assistants; the Messrs. Don White, John White, and Wally Leahey for their accomplishment in the field of sports and wish them continued success in their efforts 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, Alfred N. Savignano and the aforementioned coaches. (H. P. 138)

Comes from the House Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

WHEREAS, the fifteenth day of January marks the date of birth of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was a man of our time who spoke out against prejudices and discrimination amongst people, particularly the poor minorities; and

WHEREAS, his leadership, which acclaimed the Nobel Peace Prize, has done much to change the course of events throughout the country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Members of the 106th Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled, take this opportunity to acknowledge the anniversary of this national leader's birth and his life's work which has attributed much to eradicate the evils of poverty, bigotry and race that have long divided America; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this Resolution be immediately transmitted to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by the Secretary of the Senate in recognition of the occasion. (H. P. 154)

Comes from the House Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

Communications

STATE OF MAINE

Senate Chamber

Augusta, Maine 04330

January 11, 1973

The Honorable Harry Starbranch
Secretary of the Senate
State House

Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mr. Starbranch:

Attached hereto is the final report of the Joint Interim Legislative Committee to Study the Department of Health and Welfare appointed pursuant to Senate Paper 107.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

RICHARD N. BERRY
Senate Majority Leader
(S. P. 071)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

STATE OF MAINE
Office of the Governor
Augusta, Maine
04330

January 15, 1973

Honorable Members of the Senate of the 106th Legislature:

I am transmitting under separate cover copies of the report on State of Maine Government Finances prepared by ESCO Research, Inc. It has been a valuable guide to me in preparing my Tax Reform message which I will transmit in written form on January 18, 1973.

I hope members of the Legislature will find the report useful in developing revenue policy.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

KENNETH M. CURTIS
Governor

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

Senate Papers

Mr. Speers of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act Providing for an Additional District Court Judge at Large." (S. P. 65)

Mr. Roberts of York presented Bill, "An Act Increasing the Number of Superior Court Justices and Official Court Reporters." (S. P. 61)

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, the above two bills were tabled and tomorrow assigned, pending Reference to Committees.

Education

Mr. Cyr of Aroostook presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Bilingual and Bicultural Education." (S. P. 62)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Roberts of York presented Bill, "An Act Relating to the Preparation of List of Prospective Jurors." (S. P. 59)

Mr. Tanous of Penobscot presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Books for Recording in Office of Register of Deeds." (S. P. 63)

Mr. Tanous of Penobscot presented Bill, "An Act Providing for Deputy Clerks of the District Court." (S. P. 64)

Mr. Tanous of Penobscot presented Bill, "An Act Providing for Irreconcilable Marital Differences as a Ground for Divorce." (S. P. 69)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Cianchette of Somerset presented Resolve, Authorizing Alton Worth of Fairfield to bring Action Against the State of Maine. (S. P. 66)

Mr. Joly of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Holding Property and Changing the Name of United Baptist Convention of Maine." (S. P. 67)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

State Government

Mr. Tanous of Penobscot presented Bill, "An Act to Clarify the State Records Law." (S. P. 68)

Mr. Berry of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Creating a State Board of Health and Welfare." (S. P. 70)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

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Bill "An Act Authorizing Use of the Name Friends of Maine Medical Center." (S. P. 6) (L. D. 33)

Bill "An Act Changing Name of Dance, Incorporated." (S. P. 8) (L. D. 61)

Bill "An Act Changing Name of Family Planning Association of the Pine Tree State, Inc." (S. P. 9) (L. D. 62)

Which were Read a Second Time
and Passed to be Engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the following tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Establish a Bureau of Property Taxation Within the Department of Finance and Administration." (S. P. 56)

Tabled — January 11, 1973 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Reference.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers.

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This particular bill has nothing to do with a tax program. It does, however, propose a change in the structure

of the Bureau of Taxation in that it proposes the establishment of a separate Bureau of Property Taxation. I therefore move that this bill be referred to the Committee on State Government.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, moves that Senate Paper 56, Bill "An Act to Establish a Bureau of Property Taxation Within the Department of Finance and Administration", be referred to the Committee on State Government and sent down for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.