

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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(First Special Session)

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

**1976**

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**HOUSE**

Wednesday, January 21, 1976

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

Prayer by the Reverend Bruce Meyer of Augusta.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

Bills from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in 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 Committees:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act Concerning Certain Financial Guarantees to be Made to Pine Tree Sugar Beet Growers, Inc., by the Maine Guarantee Authority" (Emergency) (H. P. 1861) (Presented by Mr. Mahany of Easton) (Cosponsors: Messrs. Finemore of Bridgewater, Carpenter of Houlton, LeBlanc of Van Buren)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for the Acquisition and Construction of a Site and Facilities for Certain Casco Bay Island Ferry Services and to Repair Other Such Ferry Facilities" (Emergency) (H. P. 1862) (Presented by Mr. LaPointe of Portland)

RESOLVE to Appropriate Moneys for Initial Research on Environmentally Safe Insecticidal Control of Blackflies (Emergency) (H. P. 1863) (Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds for the Continuation of Children's Services within the State of Maine" (H. P. 1864) (Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act to Require a Majority of Consumer Representation on Governing Boards of Nonprofit Hospital and Medical Service Organizations" (H. P. 1865) (Presented by Mrs. Byers of Newcastle) (Cosponsor: Mr. DeVane of Ellsworth)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Clarify Various Statutes Relating to Superior Court Fees and Costs" (Emergency) (H. P. 1866) (Presented by Mr. McKernan of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Local and County Government**

Bill "An Act Concerning the Transition to County Commissioner Districts in Knox County" (Emergency) (H. P. 1867) (Presented by Mr. Gray of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Advisory Status of Comprehensive Municipal Zoning Plans" (H. P. 1868) (Presented by Mr. Henderson of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act Relating to Tax on Pari-

mutuel Pools and State Stipend Law" (H. P. 1872) (Presented by Mrs. Najarian of Portland) (Cosponsored by Mr. McKernan of Bangor).

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act Amending the Motor Vehicle Title Law" (H. P. 1869) (Presented by Mrs. Miskavage of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Concerning Brake Requirements on Certain Hauling Devices" (H. P. 1870) (Presented by Mr. Bowie of Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Veterans and Retirement**

Bill "An Act Concerning the Uniform Processing of Employer Contributions into the Retirement System" (H. P. 1871) (Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Consent Calendar**

**First Day**

In accordance with House Rule 49-A, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions Relating to the Establishment of Hospital District No. 1" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to Pass" (H. P. 1835) (L. D. 2000)

Bill "An Act Relating to Unexpended Funds for Highway Construction on Indian Reservations at Pleasant Point and Peter Dana Point" — Committee on Human Resources reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-855) (H. P. 1812) (L. D. 1971)

No objections being noted, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of January 22, under listing of Second Day.

**Orders of the Day**

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

JOINT ORDER (S. P. 635) Relative to Bills and Resolves to be Considered at this Special Session. — In Senate, read and passed.

Tabled — January 20, by Mr. Rolde of York.

Pending — Passage in concurrence.  
The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Rolde.

Mr. ROLDE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to briefly explain, there has been some controversy about this order. Part of the confusion came from the fact that the actual order, as it was passed in the Senate, was printed incorrectly on the Senate Calendar and one sentence was left out that related to studies being done by Joint Standing Committees.

However, the Order still needs to be amended further. We do not have time to do that this morning, so I would appreciate it if someone would table this for one more legislative day so we can get it straightened out.

Thereupon, on motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, retabled pending passage in concurrence and tomorrow assigned.

(Off Record Remarks)

The following paper appearing on Sup-

plement No. 1 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

The following Communication:  
STATE OF MAINE  
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
House of Representatives  
Office of the Clerk  
Augusta, Maine

January 21, 1976

John L. Martin  
Speaker of the House  
107th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am pleased to transmit herewith a copy of the legislative program message of James B. Longley, Governor of Maine, dated January 21, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk of the House

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

On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, Recessed until eleven o'clock in the morning.

**After Recess  
11:00 A.M.**

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

Bill "An Act to Repeal and Replace the Present School Finance Law" (Emergency) (H. P. 1873) (Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn)

Was referred to the Committee on Education, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith.

On motion of Mr. McMahon of Kennebunk,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.