

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*One Hundred and Seventh
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1975

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Wednesday, January 22, 1975

Senate called to order by the President.
Prayer by Father Carl Capen of Augusta and Old Town:

God, our Father, we turn our thoughts to you as we begin this day of work. We acknowledge you as the creator of all that is, the source of life and goodness, the inspiration of every idea. Each of us is at a different point in his or her journey but we are all on this pilgrimage of life together. We may differ as to what is of real value in life but we are agreed that we must promote the dignity and well-being of all the citizens of this state if anyone is to have the freedom to search out and discover the ultimate values and meaning of human life. Help us, as we try to solve the immediate and pressing problems before us, to know that we must not sacrifice ultimate values for what seems to be a more expedient and thus worthwhile gain. Give us to know that the only true title to privilege is the selfless service of our brothers and sisters. In the name of God we pray. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Papers From the House

Bills, Resolves and Resolution today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence.

Communications

The Senate of Maine
Augusta, Maine

January 22, 1975

To the Members of the Senate
of the 107th Legislature

Pursuant to Senate Order relative to appointment of subordinate officers of the Senate, this is to inform you that the President of the Senate has appointed Jane Perkins as Secretary to the President and George MacDonald as Official Reporter of the Senate. George MacDonald has appointed Sue Jenkins as Assistant Reporter of the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate has appointed Mary Porter as Administrative Assistant, Marie Brotherton as Secretary to the Assistant Secretary, Anne Wright as Index and Recording Secretary, Jean Lahaye and Constance Webster as Senate Stenographers, Douglas Scribner as Postal Clerk, and Walter Cameron as Courier.

Sincerely,

HARRY N. STARBRANCH
Secretary of the Senate

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

STATE OF MAINE
Senate Chamber
President's Office
Augusta, Maine 04330

January 21, 1975

The Honorable Harry N. Starbranch
Secretary of the Senate
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330
Dear Mr. Starbranch:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 32, I hereby appoint the following to serve during the 107th Legislature: Robert W. Beauchaine as Sergeant at Arms, Theresa Morrison as Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Robert Sellar as Postmaster, David S. Young as Doorkeeper, Rowena Chick and Jill Healy as Pages.

Respectfully yours,
JOSEPH SEWALL
President of the Senate

JS/jwp

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Senate Papers
Election Laws

Mr. Pray of Penobscot presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to Ballots Containing Improper Write-in Votes." (S. P. 84)

Which was referred to the Committee on Election Laws and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Mr. Pray of Penobscot presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to Nonresident Hunting and Fishing License Agents' Fee." (S. P. 90)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Speers of Kennebec presented, Bill, "An Act to Confer Jurisdiction upon the District Court over Suits to Clear Title to Municipal Real Estate." (S. P. 85)

Mr. Berry of Androscoggin presented, Bill, "An Act to Allow Juveniles at the Training Centers and Inmates at the County Jails to Participate in Halfway House Programs." (S. P. 91)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the State Liquor Commission to Grant Civic Associations Licenses to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for On-premise Consumption." (S. P. 89)

Which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Control and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Local and County Government

Mr. Greeley of Waldo presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer and County Commissioners of Waldo County to procure a Loan to Build a Detention Center." (S. P. 93)

Mr. O'Leary of Oxford presented, Bill, "An Act Converting Rangeley Plantation into the Town of Haley." (S. P. 86)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mr. Cyr of Aroostook presented, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Requirements that Assessors Conduct Annual Inventories of Births, Beekeepers and Dogs." (S. P. 87)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that this Bill be referred to the Committee on Local and County Government and Ordered Printed.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Cyr of Aroostook presented, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Assessor's Warrant from a Statutory Form to a Form Prescribed Annually by the State Director of Property Taxation." (S. P. 88)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Berry of Androscoggin presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Issue of an Additional Pair of Specially Designated License Plates to Maine Members of the United States Senate and House." (S. P. 92)

Mr. Cyr of Aroostook presented, Bill, "An Act to Change Weight Provisions for Commercial Vehicles." (S. P. 94)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Whiting, Washington County." (H. P. 12) (L. D. 17)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bill Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Senate

The following Ought Not to Pass report shall be placed in the legislative files without further action pursuant to Rule 17-A of the Joint Rules:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salary, Expenses and Travel of Members of the Legislature." (S. P. 13) (L. D. 56)

Orders of the Day

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

Bill, "An Act to Require the Owners of Foster Homes and of Nursing Institutions to Account for Funds Belonging to Persons Entrusted to their Care." (S. P. 81)

Tabled — January 21, 1975 by Senator Hichens of York.

Pending — Reference.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Appointments

There being no objection, the President appointed to the Commission on Interstate Cooperation the following Senators:

SPEERS of Kennebec
CURTIS of Penobscot

(Off Record Remarks)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cummings.

Mrs. CUMMINGS: Mr. President, before I make the usual motion, I would like to read something that I think was rather rude:

"Legislative bodies spend as much time correcting their old mistakes as they do making new ones."

Thereupon, on motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.