

# 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, February 5, 1975

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Brigadier George Baggs of  
Ocean Park:

Eternal God, our Father, you know that these men and women lead busy lives and are busy today in connection with the affairs of our State, but we would pause for the moment and ask for your divine guidance and assistance in all the deliberations of this hour. We will pray that Thou will give unto them understanding, wisdom and unselfish motives in all that shall take place here in this chamber at this hour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

**Papers from The House**  
**Joint Resolution**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand  
Nine Hundred and Seventy-five

In Memoriam  
Having Learned Of  
The Death Of  
M. Milton Macbride, Sr.  
of  
Presque Isle

The Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine do hereby extend their sincere heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased; and further

While duly assembled in session at the State Capitol in Augusta under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, do herein direct that this official expression of sorrow be forthwith sent to the family of the deceased on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (H. P. 447)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

**Joint Resolution**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand  
Nine Hundred and Seventy-five

In Memoriam  
Having Learned Of The Death Of  
Mrs. Irene M. Mills  
of  
Eastport

The Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine do hereby extend their sincere heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased; and further

While duly assembled in session at the State Capitol in Augusta under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, do herein direct that this official expression of sorrow be forthwith sent to the family of the deceased on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (H. P. 449)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

**House Papers**

Bills and Resolve today received from the House requiring Reference to

Committees were acted upon in concurrence except for the following:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Revenue Sharing and Financial Relief to Counties for Expenses of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts. (H. P. 354) (L. D. 445)

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

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Performance Audit and Ordered Printed.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Tomorrow assigned, pending Reference to Committee.

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Cumberland County Commissioners to Borrow in Anticipation of Taxes." (H. P. 444)

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

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed without reference to Committee.

The PRESIDENT: the Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley.

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President, it is my understanding that the County Commissioners in Cumberland County are in emergency need of immediate passage of this bill, and I would move that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its first reading.

The PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate that the rules be suspended at this time so the bill may be given its first reading?

The motion prevailed.

Under further motion by the same Senator, and under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Thereupon, on further motion by the same Senator, sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

**Communications**  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
Department of Transportation  
State Office Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

January 31, 1975

To Governor James B. Longley and  
Members of the 107th Legislature

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 116 Private and Special Laws 1973, I am pleased to submit a summary report concerning the need for a traffic court system and other methods of handling traffic violations.

Respectfully,  
ROGER L. MALLAR  
Commissioner  
(S. P. 164)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Papers**

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**  
Bill, "An Act Increasing Mileage Allowance for State Employees on State Business." (S. P. 156)

Mr. Berry of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds to Meet Current Needs of Prosecutorial District No. 2." (S. P. 161)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Speers of Kennebec presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide for State Financing of the Expenses of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts." (S. P. 163)

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Reference to Committee.

**Business Legislation**

Mr. Collins of Knox presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Definition of Monthly Billing Cycle under the Maine Consumer Credit Code." (S. P. 162)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Election Laws**

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide Penalties for Officials Who Improperly Subscribe to Absentee Ballots." (S. P. 155)

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 Hunting with Bow and Arrow." (S. P. 158)

Mr. McNally of Hancock presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Appointment of Deputy Fish and Game Wardens." (S. P. 160)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Natural Resources**

Mr. O'Leary of Oxford presented, Bill, "An Act to Require Department of Environmental Certification before a School Unit May Commence School Construction." (S. P. 159)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Ordered Printed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Performance Audit**

Mr. Corson of Somerset presented, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Abuse under the Aid to Dependent Children Program." (S. P. 154)

Which was referred to the Committee on Performance Audit and Ordered Printed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**State Government**

Mr. Gahagan of Aroostook presented, Bill, "An Act Creating a State Employees Suggestion Awards Board." (S. P. 153)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Veterans and Retirement**

Mr. O'Leary of Oxford presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for State Retirees." (S. P. 157)

Which was referred to the Committee on Veterans and Retirement and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Committee Reports**  
**House**

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 Inheritance Tax Exemptions for Brothers and Sisters." (H. P. 91) (L. D. 127)

**Leave to Withdraw**

The Committee on Human Resources on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Parking Placards for Handicapped Persons." (H. P. 63) (L. D. 75)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Taxation on, Bill, "An Act to Exempt Sewer Service Charges from the Sales Tax." (H. P. 113) (L. D. 157)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Come from the House, the reports Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bangor Children's Home." (H. P. 155) (L. D. 206)

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.

**Ought to Pass - As Amended**

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act to Change the Statutory Term 'Workmen's Compensation' to 'Workers' Compensation'." (H. P. 100) (L. D. 110)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8).

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act to Extend Collective Bargaining Rights to Maine Turnpike Authority Employees." (H. P. 61) (L. D. 73)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7).

Come from the House, the Bills Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendments "A".

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted in concurrence and the Bills, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

**Senate****Ought to Pass**

Mr. Curtis for the Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act to Change the Name of the Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Service to the Department of Defense and Veterans Services." (S. P. 58) (L. D. 138)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

**Ought to Pass - As Amended**

Mr. Pray for the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act Designating Head of Tide on the Union River under the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission." (S. P. 50) (L. D. 131)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-4).

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on,  
RESOLUTION, Proposing an

Amendment to the Constitution Prohibiting Anyone under Sentence for a Felony from Seeking or Holding a Constitutional Office. (S. P. 43) (L. D. 95)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

CURTIS of Penobscot  
GRAHAM of Cumberland

Representatives:

COONEY of Sabattus  
KANY of Waterville  
CARPENTER of Houlton  
PELOSI of Portland  
FARNHAM of Hampden  
WAGNER of Orono  
SNOWE of Auburn  
QUINN of Gorham  
LEWIN of Augusta

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

WYMAN of Washington

Representative:

STUBBS of Hallowell

Which reports were Read.

On motion by Mr. Hichens of York, tabled and Specially Assigned for February 11, 1975, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

**Second Readers**

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

**House**

Bill, "An Act Eliminating Waiting Period under the Employment Security Law." (H. P. 139) (L. D. 171)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, in concurrence.

**Senate**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Compatibility of State Income Tax Law with Federal Law." (S. P. 59) (L. D. 139)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**(Off Record Remarks)**

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.