

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Monday, January 26, 1976

Senate called to order by the President.  
Prayer by the Honorable Bennett D. Katz of Augusta:

Lord, this is the beginning of a week when each of us will be called upon to begin making some very hard decisions. May we have the wisdom to identify our proper alternatives, the courage to pursue the interests of the people, even when they conflict with the interests of ourselves as individual political leaders, and may the product of our work be acceptable unto Thee.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, January 23, 1976.

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

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

Having Learned of the Death of Jerome M. Dickinson of Orient who Served in the Maine House of Representatives During the 102nd and 103rd Legislatures

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. 1889)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

**House Papers**

Bills and Resolution today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence, with the following exception:

Bill, "An Act to Permit Executive Sessions in Certain Labor Negotiations." (H. P. 1891) (L. D. 2071)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggests that this Bill be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Papers  
Joint Resolution**

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption:

**STATE OF MAINE**

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

Having Learned of the Death of Senator Lowell D. Henley of Norway

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. (S. P. 662)

Which was Read and Adopted.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Conley of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act Providing for Total Reimbursement of Municipal Expenditures and Administrative Costs in Furnishing General Relief." (S. P. 655)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Huber of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act to Resolve the Deficit in Education Funding for the Fiscal Year 1975-76." (S. P. 656)

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin presented, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Real Estate Disclosure Law." (S. P. 658)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Mr. Cianchette of Somerset presented, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Embalming when an Autopsy has been Authorized." (S. P. 659)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Public Utilities**

Mr. Merrill of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act to Permit Transit Districts to Establish and Maintain Waterborne Transportation Systems." (S. P. 660)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**State Government**

Mr. Curtis of Penobscot presented, Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Lands to Convey the State's Interest in 4 Lots in Kingman, Penobscot County. (S. P. 661)

The same Senator presented, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Dates of Legislative Sessions and to Clarify Laws Relating to Expenses of Legislators." (S. P. 663)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo, WHEREAS, the Maine Senate has been faithfully served since 1973 by one Anne E. Wright formerly of Manchester; and WHEREAS, history will record her

cheerfulness as a Senate Page, Indexer and Recording Secretary during this period; and

WHEREAS, the Senate regrets her departure to Albany, New York and the loss of such a fine employee; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that the members of the Maine Senate, now assembled in the First Special Session of this One Hundred and Seventh Legislature, take this opportunity to express our thanks to Anne Wright for her service and extend our best wishes and good luck to Anne and her husband for the future; and be it further

ORDERED, that a duly attested copy of this order be transmitted worthwith to Mrs. Wright in token of our esteem.

Which was Read and Passed.

**Committee Reports  
House  
Ought to Pass**

The Committee on Education on, Bill, "An Act to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by Region 2, Southern Arrostook County Vocational Region." (H. P. 1798) (L. D. 1957)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Public Utilities on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Searsport Water District." (H. P. 1837) (L. D. 2002)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Transportation on, Bill, "An Act to Permit the Development by the Secretary of State of a Numerical System of Driver License Control to be Used in Place of Social Security Number." (H. P. 1811) (L. D. 1970)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Transportation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Lease or Purchase of Railroad Lines by the Department of Transportation." (H. P. 1814) (L. D. 1972)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Boundary Line Between the Towns of Winslow and Albion." (H. P. 1821) (L. D. 1982)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Come from the House, the Bills Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bills Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Public Utilities on, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Total Authorized Indebtedness of the Kennebec Sewer District from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000." (H. P. 1810) (L. D. 1969)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-858).

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

**Ought to Pass — As Amended**

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Resolve, Authorizing and Directing the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to Permit Great Northern Company to Cut and Remove Wood from Township 6, Range 11, W. E. L. S. (H. P. 1803) (L. D. 1962)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-856).

Comes from the House, the Resolve Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

#### Senate

##### Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Graffam for the Committee on Liquor Control on, Bill, "An Act to Extend the Application Period for Licensing of Indoor Tennis Clubs, Indoor Ice Skating Clubs and Golf Course Clubs for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages." (S. P. 629) (L. D. 1991)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which report was Read and Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

#### Second Readers

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

##### House

Bill, "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions Relating to the Establishment of Hospital District No. 1." (H. P. 1835) (L. D. 2000)

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

##### House — As Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Unexpended Funds for Highway Construction on Indian Reservations at Pleasant Point and Peter Dana Point." (H. P. 1812) (L. D. 1971)

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

#### Orders of the Day

##### (Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Hichens of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. HICHENS:

This month has been a blustery one with lots of snow and cold

And round about folks shiver — a sure sign they're getting old.

The kids have had a grand time with all the snow and ice

But a bit of skiing on the hills for most of us suffice.

The climate in the State House gets warmer every day

As we cope with all the problems that have been sent our way.

And there are times of tension when our nerves are all on edge

And about some certain issues some of us are apt to hedge.

The sessions start to lengthen out as we decisions make

And debates, although quite short so far — will soon begin to break.

We look ahead to warmer days and times of less suspense

And reach into the future somewhat eager to go hence

But amidst the hustle bustle I would urge we wait a bit

And honor one who years ago made an appearance. It

Was on the 26th I'm told of January that

A babe was born and Daddy wore a feather in his hat.

A smiling robust cherub who was destined to rise

To heights beyond the hopes that shone within parental eyes.

Courageous and ambitiously this one we honor here

Has made a mark on Maine's record to last for many a year

And so it gives me pleasure — one of my greatest yet

To wish the best life has to give to our lovable Minnette.

##### (Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.