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OF THE

One Hundred and Seventh Legislature

(First Special Session)

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1976

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Friday, January 30, 1976

Senate called to order by the President.
Prayer by the Honorable Walter W. Hichens of Eliot:

May we pray. Our Lord and our God, as we come to the closing session of this week somewhat confused and frustrated with the problems at hand, we pray that Thou will be with us in the deliberations of this session, that Thou will bless us as we return to our homes for the weekend, and Thou will help us to come at the beginning of another week refreshed with a deliberation in our minds to face these problems clear mindedly, objectively, and with Thy guidance to help us in the decisions that we shall make, for we ask in Thy name. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

**Papers from the House
Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Town Ways." (H. P. 1920) (L. D. 2108)

In the House January 27, 1976, referred to the Committee on Local and County Government and Ordered Printed.

In the Senate January 28, 1976, referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having Insisted.

On motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo, the Senate voted to Recede and Concur.

**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 Ralph E. Cline of Spruce Head Fondly Known as "The Patriot"

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. 1955)

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-six.

IN MEMORIAM

Having Learned of the Death of Paul Conant Eaton of Kennebunkport who Taught at M.I.T. and was Dean of Students at California Technical Institute

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. 1941)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted, in concurrence.

**Joint Order
STATE OF MAINE**

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Herbert Sargent Outstanding Citizen and Benefactor of the City of Old Town

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (H. P. 1939)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed, in concurrence.

House Papers

Bills today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence, with the following exception: Bill, "An Act Prohibiting the Use of Seine or Gill Nets on a Certain Portion of the Union River." (H. P. 1945) (L. D. 2131)

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Marine Resources in non-concurrence and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Communications
STATE OF MAINE**

One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

January 29, 1976

MEMO TO: Members of Legislative Leadership

The attached statements are in response to your directive to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee to present a financial summary showing what the present financial situation is in the General Fund.

We have considered the estimated revenues and projected what we feel the shortage will be and also have projected the additional appropriations that are necessary to carry out programs set up by law. These appropriations are basically the same amounts reported to you previously by this Committee, with minor exceptions, compiled as a result of the efforts of the subcommittee studying the funding of state agencies.

The Governor's recommended cuts have been included in the report and his recommendations on the Educational Subsidy problem have been shown.

No consideration has been given to any

new program, upgrading of present programs, state employees salary increases, postal increases or additional funding for the University of Maine or funds to upgrade facilities regarding right to treatment suits. This report only concerns itself with whatever is necessary to fund the balance of this biennium in order to bring our fiscal situation in order. Anything beyond this would have to be addressed as a separate issue and would require additional funding.

Signed:

DAVID HUBER
Chairman

Signed:

DOUGLAS M. SMITH
House Chairman

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

**Senate Papers
State Government**

Mr. Speers of Kennebec presented, Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Legislative Council to Accept Grants from Public and Private Agencies." (S. P. 672)

(Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills Pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 635), as amended.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Hichens of York,
STATE OF MAINE

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Marshwood High School State Class C Football Co-Champions for the Academic Year 1975

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (S. P. 671)

Which was Read and Passed.

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 Kennebec Fire Protection Services for Unity Township." (H. P. 1817) (L. D. 1975)

Bill, "An Act to Provide Fire Protection, Other Than Forest Fire Protection, for the Unorganized Coastal Islands." (H. P. 1836) (L. D. 2001)

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

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Resolve, Authorizing and Directing the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to Permit Great Northern Paper Company to Cut and Remove Wood from Township 6,

Range 11, W.E.L.S. (H. P. 1803) (L. D. 1962)

Which was Finally Passed and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,
Adjourned until Monday, February 2, 1976, at 11:30 in the morning.