

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

Wednesday, February 4, 1976

Senate called to order by the President.
Prayer by the Rev. Ernest Sjoberg,
United Baptist Church, Richmond:

One verse of scripture, before we pray,
from the Psalms, 143, verse 8:

Cause me to hear Thy loving kindness in
the morning, for in Thee do I trust.

Cause me to know the way wherein I
should walk, for I lift up my soul unto
Thee.

Shall we pray. Our Heavenly Father, we
are thankful this morning for directions
from the word of God. We are thankful, our
Father, that we are reminded time and
time again that our help cometh from the
Lord. And our prayer this morning would
be that we, as we are gathered here in this
chamber today, that we might recognize
that we too, not only as a body but as
individuals, need with David to call upon
you in the morning for direction for this
and for each day. And so, our Father, we
pray that Thou will lead us, that Thou wilt
recognize, as Thou does do, that we are not
one above the other but each side by side
this morning in need of your mercies, for
we remember again the words of the
psalmist when he said, "Except it be for
Thy mercies, we would be consumed."

So, our Father, help us to recognize the
need to know the word of God and to wait
upon you. Help us to recognize the need for
the two-way conversation, the reading of
your word which giveth light, and then in
the lifting up of our hearts to Thee in
prayer, that we might know Thee in all
Thy fulness, and that we might preserve
that heritage, that great heritage which is
ours today because of the early pioneers
who came to the shores of this great nation
to find religious freedom.

Father God, help us in all of our
decisions, that we might seek to not only
preserve but to restore much of that which
we have had over the years, that we might
have our freedoms until that day when we
stand in your presence. So bless in this
time this morning, we pray, in Jesus'
precious name. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

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

Bill, "An Act Converting Plantation 31
into the Town of Osborn." (S. P. 621) (L. D.
1953)

In the Senate January 28, 1976, Passed to
be Engrossed as Amended by Committee
Amendment "A" (S-392).

Comes from the House, Passed to be
Engrossed as Amended by Committee
Amendment "A", as Amended by House
Amendment "A" Thereto (H-861) in
non-concurrence.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to Recede
and Concur.

**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
Robert M. Smith Jr. of Freeport, Maine
who has Earned the Title and Distinction
of Eagle Scout in Troop 45

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. 1984)

Comes from the House, Read and
Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in
concurrence.

House Papers

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

Study Report — Election Laws

The Committee on Election Laws to
which was referred the study relative to
the election laws as provided in Title 21 of
the Maine Revised Statutes and related
Titles, pursuant to House Paper 1646 of the
107th Legislature have had the same under
consideration and ask leave to submit its
findings and to report that the
accompanying Bill, "An Act Relating to
Voting in Certain Unorganized
Townships" (H. P. 1982) (L. D. 2151) be
referred to this Committee for public
hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule
3.

Comes from the House, the report Read
and Accepted and the Bill referred to the
Committee on Election Laws.

Which report was Read and Accepted
and the Bill referred to the Committee on
Election Laws in concurrence.

Study Report — Business Legislation

The Committee on Business Legislation
to which was referred the study relative to
Charitable Solicitations, pursuant to House
Paper 1711 of the 107th Legislature have
had the same under consideration, and ask
leave to submit its findings and to report
that the accompanying Bill, "An Act
Relating to Charitable Solicitations" (H.
P. 1983) (L. D. 2165) be referred to this
Committee for public hearing and printed
pursuant to Joint Rule 3.

Comes from the House, the report Read
and Accepted and the Bill referred to the
Committee on Business Legislation.

Which report was Read and Accepted
and the Bill referred to the Committee on
Business Legislation in concurrence.

**Senate Papers
Transportation**

Mr. Greeley of Waldo presented, Bill,
"An Act to Establish the Waldo County
Transportation Authority." (S. P. 680)

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Committee Reports
House**

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Transportation on,
Bill, "An Act Concerning Brake
Requirements on Certain Hauling
Devices." (H. P. 1870) (L. D. 2041)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as
Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
(H-860).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed

to be Engrossed as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A".

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

Enactors

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

An Act Concerning the Charter of the
Ocean Park Association. (S. P. 639) (L. D.
2014)

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

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the
following tabled and Specially Assigned
matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Animal
Welfare." (S. P. 624) (L. D. 1978)

Tabled — February 3, 1976 by Senator
Pray of Penobscot.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed
(Committee Amendment "A" (S-394)
Adopted)

Which was Passed to be Engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Reconsidered Matter

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

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President, is the
Senate in possession of L. D. 1971, Bill, "An
Act Relating to Unexpended Funds for
Highway Construction on Indian
Reservations at Pleasant Point and Peter
Dana Point?"

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would
answer in the affirmative, the bill having
been held at the request of the Senator.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President, I move the
Senate reconsider its action whereby this
bill was passed to be enacted. An
amendment is being prepared. My action
is being pursued fully with the knowledge
of Senator Greeley, and tomorrow I will be
happy to explain the amendment and its
input.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes
the Senator from Waldo, Senator Greeley.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Greeley of
Waldo, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned,
pending the motion by Mr. Berry of
Cumberland to reconsider.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of
Penobscot,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow
morning.