

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, January 25, 1977

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by The Reverend Howell K. Lind of the Winthrop Street Universalist Church, Augusta, Maine.

REV. LIND: Oh Giver of law and justice, we ask for Thy blessing upon our lives, that we may be modified by Thy tender influence. Grant that these individuals called to do the work of our people, have the flexibility to bend, but the strength not to break. May they ever have the ability to see the other fellow's point of view, and the integrity to grasp and hang on to what they know is right. May they grow in courage and confidence, so that they may be able to judge and choose and decide, with the clarity befitting their intelligence. May they realize the cherished values are not always the best, solely because we have cherished them. May they realize that personal goals are not the only acceptable goals, and that their truths are not the only truths. Grant unto these, Thy Servants, the powers to make discriminations dispassionately.

O Lord eternal and Everlasting Present, be with us as the new Session is started. Be with these individuals in spirit and in truth. Be a strong influence in these proceedings that these individuals might know Thy power and Thy glory. Grant unto them the courage and the strength to accomplish the work that lies ahead of them at this time in the spirit of service to our State as they gather, and in that same spirit of service in Thy name do we pray. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

**Papers from the House  
Joint Order**

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing: Alta N. Rogers, who served as Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters and Welfare Director for the Town of Hampden, has retired after 27 years on December 30, 1976. (H. P. 106)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Joint Resolution**

A Joint Resolution In Memoriam: Hon. Thomas P. Albert of Limestone who served in the 105th, 106th and 107th Legislatures (H. P. 107)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted. Which was read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter.

Mr. CARPENTER: Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of The Senate, we receive many pieces of paper in our Journals as we go through the Legislative Session, and many times we have memorials, joint resolutions, regarding things that we are not all that familiar with; and for those of you who were not familiar with the late Tom Albert of Limestone, I would like to take just a second to express my sentiment on the Senate Record, as to who Tom Albert was.

For those of you who didn't serve with Tom, or never had occasion to know him, he was a retired potato farmer from Limestone, who came down here three sessions ago to represent the Town of Limestone and surrounding areas.

Not only was Tom a very close friend of mine, and the rest of, at least, the Aroostook County delegation, and I think anyone who served with him, and a very fine Gentleman, but a very capable Legislator, who in my experience in the House didn't have too much to say about too many Bills. But if you could get Tom on your side and up on his feet to speak, he certainly wouldn't hurt your bill any.

I would hope that we all think a little bit about Tom, and what he meant and what he stood for

in his term of service to the Legislature, and I would hope that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in the memory of the Honorable Thomas P. Albert of Limestone.

Which was adopted in concurrence.

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

**Communications**

January 21, 1977

To the Honorable Senate of the 108th Legislature of the State of Maine:

I have in my possession a quantity of initiative petitions, filed in this office on January 19, 1977 pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Maine Constitution, proposing "An Act to Repeal the State Property Tax."

This office is currently processing these petitions and as soon as the required number of signatures have been verified the processed petitions will be forwarded to the Legislature for their action.

Very truly yours

Markham L. Gartley  
Secretary of State

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File. Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Papers**

Mr. PRAY of Penobscot presented, Bill, "An Act to Impose a Mandatory Minimum Sentence for Drug Sales." (S. P. 64)

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

Mr. GREELEY of Waldo presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program." (S. P. 65)

Mr. GREELEY of Waldo presented, Bill, "An Act to Make Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1978 and June 30, 1979." (Emergency) (S. P. 66)

Which were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed. Sent down for concurrence.

**Enactor**

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

**Emergency**

RESOLVE, "Appropriating Funds to the Biddeford High School Band to Play at the Inauguration of the President of the United States at Washington, D.C. (S. P. 55) (L. D. 111)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator FARLEY:

Mr. FARLEY: Mr. President, I move that this Resolve be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. FARLEY: Mr. President and Fellow Members of the Senate I first would like to thank the Senator from Oxford, Senator Jackson, and the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Snowe, for co-sponsoring this Legislation with me, and the Majority Leader who brought it to this stage so quickly in order that we could act upon it.

I guess the leadership felt that the \$2,500.00 should not come from the general fund, but from a fund the Governor has to use, and that is being done. I have confirmation from a gentleman in the Governor's office that he graciously wanted to contribute \$1,500.00 for the Biddeford High School Band, and I graciously accepted, and I thank you all very much.

Which was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Speers, of Kennebec, Adjourned until 4:00 afternoon tomorrow.