

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 2 to April 3, 1980

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

May 22, 1980

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July 17, 1980

FOURTH CONFIRMATION SESSION

July 24, 1980

FIFTH CONFIRMATION SESSION

September 12, 1980

**REPORT, HEARING TRANSCRIPT AND
RELATED MEMORANDA OF THE JOINT
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN LAND
CLAIMS**

HOUSE

Wednesday, January 9, 1980

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Reverend Richard Higgins of the Nazarene Church of Pittsfield.

Rev. HIGGINS: Shall we unite together in prayer? Our Father, this morning we pause before you to thank you for this day, to thank you for the breath of life, to thank you for the goodness and mercy, to thank you for the measure of health that has allowed us to be here today. And yet so many times with all the blessings, the pressures and the frustrations of life cause us to forget them. So many times, taking on the needs of the world and our country and our own state, we forget that these, our representatives, have needs also.

We read in your word so many times how you were trying to do the will of the Father and so many times you were misunderstood in your motives and that that you were trying to carry out to bring about for the good of the people, and I believe these can identify with those today, those frustrations of trying to do the best that we can for this, our state, and yet manytimes being misunderstood.

We read also where you left your family to go to do that that you had to do, and today this state of ours has entrusted these men and women with responsibilities, and many of them have left their home for days, yea, even weeks. Dealing with the frustrations of trying to be mother and father and husband and wife and yet representatives and manytimes all things to all people, we deal with these frustrations and we ask that your Holy Spirit would come. This morning, even in this moment, may we reach out in faith and allow your love and your goodness and mercy to minister to our lives and then we would not forget the business that is at hand today.

We ask for your guidance and direction that when the day is over, we can see the smile of God's approval on that that we have done. Bless each and every one of them, for we lift them before thee asking that you work your will in their lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Paper from the Senate

The following Communication:

THE SENATE OF MAINE

Augusta

January 8, 1980

The Honorable Edwin H. Pert
Clerk of the House
109th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Pert:

The Senate today voted to Adhere to its former action whereby it Indefinitely Postponed Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Radar Detectors." (H. P. 1634) (L. D. 1754)

Respectfully,
S/MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

**Referred to Committee on
Audit and Program Review**

The Committee on Audit and Program Review to which was referred the study and review of the Maine Sunset Law, pursuant to Title 3, Section 505, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Relating to Periodic Justification of Departments and Agencies of State Government under the Maine Sunset Law" (S. P. 672) (L. D. 1764) be referred to the Committee on Audit and Program Review for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Comes from the Senate with the Report read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Audit and Program Review, and ordered printed.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Audit and Program Review in concurrence.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference**

The following Bills were received and referred to the following Committee:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Special Election" (H. P. 1672) (Emergency) (Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town) (Governor's Bill)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Mandating Risk-sharing Among Property Insurers" (H. P. 1673) (Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner) (Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Bill "An Act to Add the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to the Energy Testing Laboratory of Maine and to Correct References to the Oil and Solid Fuel Burner Technicians Licensing Board" (H. P. 1674) (Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland) (Governor's Bill)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Relating to the Maximum Seating Capacity of School Buses Transporting a Combination of Students Attending Grades Kindergarten through 12" (H. P. 1675) (Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland) (Cosponsor: Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland) (Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus, the following Joint Order, (H. P. 1676)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government report out a bill revising the salaries of county officers and also report out a resolve or resolves for laying of the County taxes for the year 1980.

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 1668) recognizing that: Chanele Bouchard has, with great dedication and enthusiasm, served as Chief of the Van Buren Fire Department for the past 20 years

Presented by Mr. Violette of Van Buren.

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 1671) recognizing that: Mrs. Ellen Jordan, of Bath, an active member of the Bath Coasters for many years, will celebrate her 101st birthday on January 14, 1980

Presented by Ms. Small of Bath.

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 1670) recognizing that: Basil Fox of Washburn, Maine, was named the Packer's 1979 "Potato Man of the Year" at the recent annual banquet of the National Potato Council

Presented by Mr. Nelson of New Sweden (Cosponsors: Mr. Peterson of Caribou, Mr. Matthews of Caribou and Senator McBreairey of Aroostook)

The Order was read and passed and sent up

for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cox of Brewer, it was ORDERED, that Representative James Silsby of Ellsworth be excused January 3 and 7 1980 for personal reasons.

**Consent Calendar
First Day**

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H. P. 1604) (L. D. 1715) Bill "An Act to Dissolve Patten Academy" Committee on Education reporting "Ought to Pass"

No objections being noted, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of January 10, under listing of Second Day.

(Off Record Remarks)

At this point, the Chair recognized the presence of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston in the Hall of the House, who was absent from the organizational roll call.

On motion of Mr. McHenry of Madawaska, adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.