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OF THE  
**Sixty-Eighth Legislature**  
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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

## SENATE.

Augusta, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1897.

Pursuant to the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the senators-elect to the Sixty-eighth Legislature convened in the Senate chamber and were called to order by Kendall M. Dunbar, secretary of the Senate of 1895.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

The following communication was read by the secretary:

### STATE OF MAINE,

Office of Secretary of State.

To the Secretary of the Senate:

In compliance with section 25 of chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the senators-elect to the sixty-eight Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council, under date of November 23, 1896, to wit:

**FIRST DISTRICT—YORK**—Frank H. Hargraves, Buxton; Daniel A. Hurd, North Berwick; LeRoy F. Pike, Cornish.

**SECOND DISTRICT—CUMBERLAND**—Josiah H. Drummond, Jr., Portland; Edward C. Reynolds, South Portland; Cyrus S. Witham, Raymond; Matthew C. Morrill, Gray.

**THIRD DISTRICT—OXFORD**—Olcott B. Poor, Andover; John A. Roberts, Norway.

**FOURTH DISTRICT—ANDROS-COGGIN**—Albert R. Savage, Auburn; J. Wesley Maxwell, Webster.

**FIFTH DISTRICT—FRANKLIN**—Nathan U. Hinkley, Phillips.

**SIXTH DISTRICT—SAGadahoc**—M. H. Ferguson, Phippsburg.

**SEVENTH DISTRICT—KENNEBEC**—Martin L. Reynolds, Sidney; Oliver B. Clason, Gardiner; Perham S. Heald, Waterville.

**EIGHTH DISTRICT—SOMERSET**—Milton L. Merrill, St. Albans; Tilson D. Salley, Madison.

**NINTH DISTRICT—PISCATAQUIS**—Willis E. Parsons, Foxcroft.

**TENTH DISTRICT—PENOBSCOT**—William Engel, Bangor; A. R. Day, Corinna; Edgar S. Weeks, Old Town.

**ELEVENTH DISTRICT—LINCOLN**—Henry H. Chamberlain, Bristol.

**TWELFTH DISTRICT—KNOX**—Frederick S. Walls, Vinalhaven.

**THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—WALDO**—A. J. Billings, Freedom.

**FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—HANCOCK**—Gilbert E. Simpson, Sullivan; Rufus P. Grindle, Bluehill.

**FIFTEENTH DISTRICT—WASHINGTON**—Charles A. McCullough, Calais; Edgar A. Wyman, Milbridge.

**SIXTEENTH DISTRICT—AROOSTOOK**—Louis C. Stearns, Caribou; Henry C. Sharp, Monticello.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta this sixth day of January, A. D., eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.

(Signed,)

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN,  
Secretary of State.

And the roll being called, the following senators-elect responded to their names:

Messrs. Billings, Chamberlain, Clason, Day, Drummond, Engel, Ferguson, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Morrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds of Cumberland, Reynolds of Kennebec, Roberts, Salley, Savage, Sharp, Simpson, Stearns, Wall, Weeks, Witham, Wyman. And a quorum of the senators-elect was present.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland,

That senator-elect was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that a quorum of the senators-elect to the sixty-eighth Legislature is present in the Senate

chamber, ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office required by the constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Drummond subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor was pleased to reply that he would attend upon the senators-elect forthwith for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the constitution.

Thereupon the Governor, attended by the Council and heads of departments, came in, before whom the senators-elect took and subscribed the oaths required by the constitution.

The Governor and suite then withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, that senator and Messrs. Heald of Kennebec and McCullough of Washington, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for President of the Senate. The committee performed its duty and reported that A. R. Day had received the total number of votes cast, 29, whereupon he was declared duly elected as President of the Senate for the years 1897-'98.

Mr. Day was conducted to the chair by Mr. Engel of Penobscot and Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows:

Fellow Senators: Allow me to extend to you my sincere thanks for this great honor conferred upon me. I have no speech to make; I have no advice to give. I feel that as President of this body I am rather a servant than a leader or adviser. I feel that I am weak and not able to perform the duties of this office without assistance, and I enter upon these duties with a full sense and knowledge of my weakness. But I know you all, the most of you personally. I know that you are strong, kind and indulgent, and I know that when I am in doubt and perplexity willing hands will be stretched out to help me over the hard places. It is with this belief and assurance that I now accept this high position to which you have raised. Senators, the chair awaits your pleasure.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin, the chair appointed Messrs. Maxwell of Androscoggin, Hurd of York and Wyman of Washington a committee to receive, sort and count

votes for secretary of the Senate, and the vote being taken Kendall M. Dunbar received the whole number of votes cast, 30 and was declared duly elected secretary for 1897 and '98.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, that senator was appointed by the president to conduct the secretary-elect to the Council chamber for the purpose of taking and subscribing the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Clason subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Kendall M. Dunbar had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Whereupon, Mr. Dunbar entered upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, that gentleman with Messrs. Witham of Cumberland and Poor of Oxford, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant secretary of the Senate. On the vote being taken A. K. Butler of Farmington, was found to have received the whole number of votes cast, 28, and was declared duly elected as assistant secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Butler subsequently appeared, and took and subscribed to the oaths of office before Abel D. Russell, Esq., authorized by *dedimus protestatam*.

On motion by Mr. Hargraves of York, that senator with Messrs. Sharp of Aroostook, and Simpson of Hancock, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for messenger, and the vote being taken Charles H. Lovejoy was found to have received the whole number of votes cast, 29, and was thereupon declared duly elected messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Simpson of Hancock, that senator with Messrs. Roberts of Oxford, and Pike of York, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant messenger, and the vote being taken they reported that J. F. Ashford had received the whole number of votes cast, 30, and he was declared duly elected assistant messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Morrill of Cumberland, that senator with Messrs. Hinkley of Franklin, and Billings of Waldo, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for folder, and the vote being taken it was found that A. B. T. Chadbourne has received the whole number of votes cast, 29, and he was thereupon declared duly elected folder of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec, that senator with Messrs. Engel of Penobscot, and Sauey of Somerset, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant folder of the Senate, and the vote being taken it was found that John A. Burton had received the whole number of votes cast, 27, and he was thereupon declared duly elected assistant folder of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc, that senator with Messrs. Reynolds of Cumberland, and Merrill of Somerset, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for doorkeeper, and the vote being taken Charles L. Favour was found to have received the whole number of votes cast, 28, and he was thereupon declared duly elected doorkeeper of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. McCullough of Washington,

Ordered, That a mail carrier be appointed by the president of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, with the compensation fixed at the same amount as that paid to the messenger of the Senate.

The president appointed Simeon A. Holden of Tremont, as mail carrier.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the president of the Senate be authorized to appoint two pages for the Senate.

The president appointed Walter B. Clark of Nobleboro, and Maurice W. Russell of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot,

It was ordered, That the messenger of the Senate be instructed to keep open wood fires burning in each of the fireplaces in the Chamber during the sessions of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin,

That senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing the executive department that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. A. R. Day of Penobscot as president, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary, and A. K. Butler as assistant secretary.

Mr. Savage subsequently returned and reported that he had discharged the duty imposed upon him.

On motion by Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis, that senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. A. R. Day of Penobscot as president, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary, and A. K. Butler as assistant secretary.

Mr. Parsons subsequently returned and reported that he had discharged the duty imposed upon him.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook,

It was ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed by the president, to whom the returns of votes for senators for the political years of 1897 and 1898 shall be referred for examination and report.

The president thereupon appointed Messrs. Stearns of Aroostook, Billings of Waldo, Morrill of Cumberland, Ferguson of Sagadahoc, Drummond of Cumberland, Chamberlain of Lincoln, and Wyman of Washington, as such committee.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, That the returns of votes for governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years of 1897 and 1898 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

The president thereupon appointed Messrs. Clason of Kennebec, Pike of York, Reynolds of Cumberland, Sharp of Aroostook, Hinkley of Franklin, Roberts of Oxford, and Merrill of Somerset, as such committee on the part of the Senate.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Knowlton of Portland, conveying the information that the House had organized by the choice of Hon. Seth L.

Larrabee of Portland as speaker, W. S. Cotton as clerk, and E. M. Thompson as assistant clerk.

On motion by Mr. Hinkley of Franklin,

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate have printed 150 diagrams of the Senate chamber for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hargraves of York,

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate prepare the usual Senate Register, and that 800 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Poor of Oxford, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish to each senator and officer of the Senate, one copy of the Kennebec Journal, and two other daily papers published in this State such as each member may select.

On motion by Mr. Billings of Waldo,

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as chaplains in rotation, during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the secretary of State be directed to place in the hands of the secretary of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, four copies of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, one copy each of Webster's International and Worcester's Unabridged Dictionaries, Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, and Reed's Rules.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc,

Ordered, That the Senate hold one session a day, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Salley of Somerset,

Ordered, That the secretary of State provide each officer and member of the Senate one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1893.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox,

Ordered, The House concurring, that the joint rules and orders of 1893 and 1894 be adopted as the rules and orders of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

Which was read and passed and sent down for concurrence.

The following communications were

received from the secretary of State: To the President of the Senate:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the official returns of the votes cast for senators at the September election, 1896.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN.

Which was read and with the votes for senators referred to the committee on senatorial vote.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the official returns cast for Governor at the September election of 1896.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN.

Which was read and with the votes for Governor, referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin,

Adjourned.