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OF THE
Sixty-Ninth Legislature
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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1899.

Pursuant to the provisions of the constitution and laws of the State of Maine, the senators-elect of the Sixty-ninth Legislature convened in the Senate chamber and were called to order by Kendall M. Dunbar, secretary of the Senate in 1897.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Newbert 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-ninth Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council under date of Oct. 25, 1898, to wit:

First Senatorial District—Daniel A. Hurd, North Berwick; Frank H. Hargraves, Buxton; Le Roy F. Pike, Cornish.

Second Senatorial District—Josiah H. Drummond, Jr., Portland; Edward C. Reynolds, South Portland; Cyrus S. Witham, Raymond; Joseph Y. Hodsdon, Yarmouth.

Third Senatorial District—A. C. T. King, Paris; Almon Young, Hiram.

Fourth Senatorial District—Wallace H. White, Lewiston; Bert M. Fernald, Poland.

Fifth Senatorial District—Cyrus N. Blanchard, Wilton.

Sixth Senatorial District—Frank C. Whitehouse, Topsham.

Seventh Senatorial District—Oliver B. Clason, Gardiner; Perham S. Heald, Waterville; Peleg O. Vickery, Augusta.

Eighth Senatorial District—Milton L. Merrill, St. Albans; George G. Weeks, Fairfield.

Ninth Senatorial District—Edwin M. Johnston, Brownville.

Tenth Senatorial District—James Adams, Bangor; Stanley Plummer, Dexter; Nathaniel M. Jones, Lincoln.

Eleventh Senatorial District—Henry L. Chamberlain, Bristol.

Twelfth Senatorial District—Herbert L. Shepherd, Rockport.

Thirteenth Senatorial District—Albert Pierce, Frankfort.

Fourteenth Senatorial District—Rufus P. Grindle, Bluehill; Hannibal E. Hamlin, Ellsworth.

Fifteenth Senatorial District—D. J. Sawyer, Jonesport; Lewis O. Dudley, Brookton.

Sixteenth Senatorial District—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 4th day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-third.

(Signed)

BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

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

Messrs. Adams, Blanchard, Chamberlain, Clason, Drummond, Dudley, Fernald, Grindle, Hamlin, Hargraves, Heald, Hodsdon, Hurd, Johnston, Jones, King, Peirce, Pike, Plummer, Reynolds, Sawyer, Sharp, Shepherd, Stearns, Vickery, Weeks, Witham, Whitehouse, White, Young.

And a quorum of the senators-elect was present.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds 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-ninth 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. Reynolds 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. Heald of Kennebec, that senator and Messrs. Dudley of Washington, and Blanchard of Franklin, were appointed to a committee to receive, sort and count votes for President of the Senate. The committee performed its duty and reported that O. B. Clason had received the total number of votes cast, 28, whereupon he was declared duly elected as President of the Senate for the years 1899-1900.

Mr. Clason was conducted to the chair by Mr. White of Androscoggin, and Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows:

Fellow Senators—I thank you most cordially and heartily for the high honor you have imposed upon me in electing me to preside over your deliberations. I assure you I esteem it a high honor, and yet I know there are many difficulties connected with the office, and I ask the cordial and individual support of every senator present, and I know that I shall have it.

Our Legislature meets but once in two years and it is but natural to expect that there will be a large amount of legislation presented for our consideration. It is just and right that every matter of merit shall have a full and complete hearing, whether our session be long or short; but there is one suggestion I would like to make, and that is this: That when a matter has been presented, a time fixed and notice given for a hearing, that the committee, unless there is reasonable cause, should insist that the hearing be held at the time fixed, or else the matter be referred to an executive session. I think if you do that it will materially shorten the session, and perhaps do away with considerable

needless legislation. Senators, I again thank you and await your pleasure.

On motion by Mr. Hargraves of York, the chair appointed that senator with Messrs. Whitehouse of Sagadahoc, and Hodgdon of Cumberland, 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, 27, and was declared duly elected secretary for the years 1899-1900.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, 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. Drummond 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 took his seat as secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, that gentleman with Messrs. King of Oxford, and Johnston of Piscataquis, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant secretary of the Senate. On provide each officer and member of the vote being taken, Walter B. Clark of Nobleboro, was found to have received the whole number of votes cast, 26, and was declared duly elected assistant secretary of the Senate.

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

On motion by Mr. Sharp of Aroostook, that senator with Messrs. Adams of Penobscot, and Fernald of Androscoggin, 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, 27, and was thereupon declared duly elected messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Pike of York, that senator with Messrs. Jones of Penobscot and Sawyer of Washington, and 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, 25, and he was declared elected assistant messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hurd of York, that senator with Messrs. Shepherd of Knox, and Young of Oxford, 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 had received the whole number of votes cast, 26, and he was thereupon declared duly elected folder of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, that senator with Messrs. Vickery of Kennebec, and Peirce of Waldo, 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 W. G. Fuller 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. Witham of Cumberland, that senator with Messrs. White of Androscoggin, and Weeks 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, 27, and he was thereupon declared duly elected doorkeeper of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Grindle of Hancock, it was

Ordered, That a postmaster and mail carrier be appointed by the President of the Senate, with the compensation fixed at the same amount as that paid to the mail carrier of the last session.

The President appointed Simeon A. Holden of Tremont, as postmaster and mail carrier.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Androscoggin, it was

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

The President appointed Allen Clark of Augusta, and Lewis O. Clason of Lisbon.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin of Hancock,

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. O. B. Clason of Kennebec, as President, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary and Walter B. Clark as assistant secretary.

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

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, 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. O. B. Clason of Kennebec, as President, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary and Walter B. Clark as assistant secretary.

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

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, it was

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President to whom the returns of votes for senators for the political year of 1899 and 1900 shall be referred for examination and report.

The President thereupon appointed Messrs. Weeks of Somerset, Peirce of Waldo, Pike of York, Fernald of Androscoggin, Dudley of Washington, Whitehouse of Sagadahoc, and Sharp of Aroostook.

On motion by Mr. Grindle of Hancock, 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 1899 and 1900 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. Grindle of Hancock, White of Androscoggin, King of Oxford, Chamberlain of Lincoln, Vickery of Kennebec, Jones of Penobscot, and Witham of Cumberland. This order was sent to the House and subsequently returned, passed in concurrence and a committee joined on the part of the House.

On motion by Mr. Hargraves of York, it was

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of 1897 be the Rules and Orders of the Senate until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Peirce of Waldo, it was

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. Young of Oxford, it was

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

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Harris of Auburn, conveying the information that the House had organized by the choice of Hon. Isaiah K. Stetson of Bangor, as Speaker, W. S. Cotton as clerk, and E. M. Thompson as assistant clerk.

The following petition was presented by Mr. Shepherd of Knox, and upon his motion was laid upon the table:

Petition of C. W. Wotton and 11 others of Friendship, asking that the Rev. L. Alfreda Brewster be appointed to the position of chaplain of the Senate for the coming session.

On motion by Mr. Whitehouse of Sagadahoc, it was

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. Hodsdon of Cumberland, 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 members may select.

On motion by Mr. Jones of Penobscot,

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 the Holy Bible, Webster's International and Worcester's Unabridged Dictionaries, Standard Dictionary, Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, Reed's Rules, and Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin, it was
Senate one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1897.

On motion by Mr. White of Androscoggin, it was

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

On motion by Mr. Shepherd of Knox, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that the joint rules and orders of 1897 and 1898 be adopted as the rules and orders of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Vickery of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate be authorized to procure the services of a typewriter during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate make up the pay of A. K. Butler, the retiring assistant secretary, for the same sum as that paid the retiring assistant secretary two years ago, for services rendered preparatory to and during the organization of the present Legislature and rendered during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that a joint special committee of three members on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House be appointed, to whom shall be referred all petitions, bills, orders and other papers especially relating to salaries.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, this order was laid on the table.

The following order was received from the House:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that a joint special committee of seven members of the House and as many as the Senate may join, be appointed, to which shall be referred the matter relating to the Eastern Maine Insane hospital, and the committee shall be called the Committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

The order was passed in 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, 1898.

BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

Which were 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 of the votes cast for Governor at the September election of 1898.

BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

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

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook,

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Augusta, Jan. 4, 1899.

This being the day designated by the constitution of the State for the meeting of the 69th Legislature, the members-elect assembled in their hall at 10 o'clock A. M., and were called to order by the clerk of the last House.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the 69th Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 143 members-elect responding to their names.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, Messrs. Perkins of Cornish, Nickerson of Swanville, Hyde of Bath, Ridlon of Stetson, Berry of Denmark, Field of Oakland and West of Biddeford, were appointed a committee to wait on the Governor and inform him of the presence of a quorum of the members-elect of the House of Representatives in Representatives' hall, and request his attendance to administer to them the oath required by the constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Perkins reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned it, and His Excellency, the Governor, was pleased to say that, with his suite, he would forthwith attend upon the convention for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon the Governor, accompanied by his suite, came in and administered, and the members-elect subscribed, the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Governor and his suite then withdrew.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn Messrs. Sanborn of Newport, Wilson of Cherryfield, Fogg of Freeport, Fuller of Kennebunk, Eaton of East Livermore, Farnsworth of Pembroke and Bridgham of Sullivan, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for speaker.