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**Sixty-Ninth Legislature**  
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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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## SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 5, 1899.

Senate called to order by the president.  
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Weeks of Somerset, reported that the committee to which were referred the votes cast for senators to this Legislature had examined the said returns and found that the following persons have received a plurality of the votes cast in their respective senatorial districts and are therefore elected senators, viz.:

First Senatorial District—Daniel A. Hurd, North Berwick; Frank H. Hargraves, Buxton; LeRoy 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 H. 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.

And the report was accepted.

Mr. Grindle of Hancock, for the joint select committee to which was referred the returns of votes for governor for the political years of 1899 and 1900 reported that the committee had examined the said returns and found that the whole number of votes returned for governor is 85,912.

Llewellyn Powers has	54,098
Samuel L. Lord has	28,485
Amni S. Ladd has	2,326
Robert Gerry has	641
Erastus Drummond has	315
Scattering,	47

And Llewellyn Powers having a plurality of all the votes returned is duly elected governor for the current political years 1899 and 1900.

On motion by Mr. Heald of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the committee on public buildings be authorized to provide and assign suitable rooms for the secretary and assistant secretary of the Senate, clerk and assistant clerk of the House, in which to transact their business.

Mr. Jones of Penobscot, presented the following order:

Ordered, that the mileage of John A. Burton be made up, and that the compensation for his services as assistant folder be the same as that paid the assistant secretary, A. K. Butler, for his services.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, the order was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Adams of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 10.30 A. M.

This order was sent to the House and subsequently returned, passed in concurrence.

Mr. Vickery of Kennebec, presented the following order:

Ordered, that the sum of thirty dollars be paid to Maurice W. Russell, for services rendered at the organization of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, this order was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, it was

Ordered, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers and inform him that he has been duly elected.

Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years of 1899 and 1900.

Which was read and passed and the following members appointed on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Chamberlain of Lincoln, Fernald of Androscoggin and Whitehouse of Sagadahoc.

The order was sent to the House and subsequently returned passed in concurrence and with the following members appointed on the part of the House: Messrs. Manley of Augusta, Virgin of Portland, Eaton of North Livermore, Parkhurst of Bangor, Murchie of Calais, Sutherland of Biddeford, and O'Brien of Thomaston.

Mr. Chamberlain subsequently reported that the committee had waited upon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, governor-elect, and he was pleased to reply that he accepted the office and would attend upon the Legislature at such time as may be assigned, for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Waldo, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature forthwith in the hall of the House, for the purpose of administering to the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, governor-elect, the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The president directed the secretary to convey the message. Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Cotton, its clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition.

The Senate then proceeded to the Representatives' hall, where a convention was formed.

On the return of the Senate to their chamber, Mr. Sawyer of Washington, presented the following order:

Ordered, that 800 copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the Senate.

Which was passed.

On motion by Mr. Hamblin of Hancock, it was

Ordered, that a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the governor's message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees.

This order was passed and sent down for concurrence, the following committee being appointed on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Hamlin of Hancock, Weeks of Somerset and Pike of York.

Subsequently the order came back from the House passed in concurrence and with the following committee joined on the part of the House: Messrs. Chase of Portland, King of Caribou, Donham of Hebron, Sanborn of Newport, Dawson of Monroe, Perkins of Cornish and Morey of Lewiston.

On motion by Mr. Adams of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House, proposing a convention of the two branches of the Legislature forthwith in the hall of the House for the purpose of electing a secretary of State, attorney general, State assessor, State printer, State binder and seven executive councillors.

The President directed the secretary to convey the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House by Mr. Cotton, its clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition and the Senate then proceeded to the Representatives' hall, where a convention was formed.

On the return of the Senate to their chamber the secretary read the announcement of joint standing committees.

(For list of committees see House report.)

The secretary read the announcement of the standing committees of the Senate, as follows:

#### BILLS IN SECOND READING.

Messrs. Witham of Cumberland, Fernald of Androscoggin, Whitehouse of Sagadahoc, Merrill of Somerset, Ludley of Washington, Sharp of Aroostook, Blanchard of Franklin, Vickery of Kennebec, Johnston of Piscataquis, Hodsdon of Cumberland, Hargraves of York, and Jones of Penobscot.

#### ENGROSSED BILLS.

Messrs. Grindle of Hancock, Pierce of Waldo, Pike of York, White of Androscoggin, Sawyer of Washington, King of Oxford, Chamberlain of Lincoln; Shepherd of Knox, Weeks of Somerset, Plummer of Penobscot, Hamlin of Hancock, and Drummond of Cumberland.

Mr. Grindle of Hancock, offered the following order:

Ordered, that the secretary of the Senate be authorized to furnish wrappers and postage stamps to each senator and to the secretary himself, not to exceed \$10 in amount, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the departments of state and other public documents such as they may desire to mail to citizens of the State.

Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland said: Mr. President, the librarian, this morning, called my attention to this condition of things; he said that there was no proper legal method for the payment of the expressage on the reports which it has been customary to send around to the different members of the Senate and House. The Governor has objected to the State paying that expressage, and as a result, as some of us know, we paid the expressage ourselves on the last that we received, which was the report of the Gettysburg Commission. The suggestion of the librarian was that this amount of postage should be divided into two equal parts, one-half of it for postage and one-half for expressage, for that purpose. I make this only as an explanation so that the Senate may understand what is the position of the Executive in this matter.

Mr. King of Oxford said: As it looks to me as though this was a case where individuals are to be convened, I feel that the members can afford to pay the expressage if they choose to.

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

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the business of the last session of the Legislature referred to this be taken from the files and referred to the proper committees.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the railroad commissioners for the year 1898, and was referred to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the report of the State Board of Assessors for the year 1898, and was referred to the committee on taxation.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the commissioner of industrial and labor statistics for the year 1898, and was referred to the committee on labor.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook,  
Adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Thursday, Jan. 5.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, announced the attendance of Mr. Powers, representative-elect from Fort Fairfield, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Smith subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him and that Mr. Powers had taken and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, announced the attendance of Mr. Donham, representative-elect from Hebron, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Philbrook subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him and that Mr. Donham had taken and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Messrs. Powers and Donham appeared in the House and took their seats.

Mr. Perkins of Cornish, presented a petition, Francis Keefe, contestant, vs. Thomas F. Staples, the contested election in the Kittery and Eliot district.

The petition was tabled pending the appointment of House committee on elections.

On motion of Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the matter relating to appropriations for the use of the board of cattle commissioners be referred to the committee on financial affairs.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Gorham,

Ordered that the secretary of State be directed to furnish each member of the House with postage stamps to the amount furnished to the members and officers of the House of the 68th Legislature.