

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-First Legislature**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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1903.

### HOUSE.

In Convention of Members-Elect of the House of Representatives.

Augusta, Jan. 7, 1903.

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

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Mosher of Augusta.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the Seventy-first Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 142 members responding to their names.

On motion of Mr. Cordwell, Messrs. Cordwell of Westbrook, Blake of Sidney, Albert of Madawaska, Bussey of Dixmont, Farnsworth of Tremont, Gagnon of Van Buren, and Blanchard of Falmouth, were appointed a committee to wait upon 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. Cordwell reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and that his Excellency the Governor was pleased to say that with his Council he would forthwith attend upon the convention for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon the Governor, accompanied by his Council, 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 Council then withdrew.

#### In House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Pettengill, Messrs. Pettengill of Rumford, Favour of Kittery, Burrill of Ellsworth, Eaton of Calais, Putnam of Houlton, Allan of

Portland, and McNamara of Thomaston, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker.

Having attended to the duty assigned it Mr. Pettengill from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	147
Necessary for a choice,	74
Oscar F. Fellows had	124
Cyrus W. Davis had	23

and Hon Oscar F. Fellows was declared duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. Fellows was conducted to the chair by Mr. Davis and addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I accept the position to which you have elected me, realizing the many responsibilities which it brings. This I could not do without the assurance of your co-operation and support. I shall expect that. As your servant it will be my duty to learn your will and declare it; if I err it will be because of lack of knowledge rather than design.

In order that my services may be commended by you I shall look to you for constant aid. Our good State contains more of nature's good things, more that is pleasing to the eye, more that inspires the soul, than any of her sisters. Her long line of seacoast, her inland waters, her forests, her agriculture, her schools, her charities, the revision of her laws—all these and many other things will demand your wise and generous care.

In the enactment of new laws and in the repeal of laws already existing, I believe we should be cautious and brave, doing for our State what seems best, keeping Maine the parlor of the nation, Sweet Home for our own people and a resting place for our neighbors.

Trusting that our works here may be fraught with wisdom, that our individual services may be acceptable to our constituents, that I may merit your esteem and respect, and that our friendship may be lasting, I thank you, Gentlemen, for the honor you have bestowed on me; and the Chair now awaits your pleasure. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland Messrs. Drew of Portland, Briggs of Auburn, Hill of Winterport, Maybury of Saco, Morrison of Eden, Sweeney of

Fort Kent and Butler of South Thomaston were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House.

Having attended to the duty assigned it; Mr. Drew from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	143
Necessary for a choice,	72
W. S. Cotton had	126
Levi T. Williams had	23

and W. S. Cotton was declared duly elected clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Libby, Messrs. Libby of Mechanic Falls, Sutherland of Biddeford, Dodge of Troy, Shackford of Harrington, Hall of Fort Fairfield, Williams of Williamsburg and Thurlow of Cutler were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Libby from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	133
Necessary for a choice,	70
E. M. Thompson had	115
James H. McManners had	23

and E. M. Thompson was declared duly elected assistant clerk.

On motion of Mr. Pettengill of Rumford, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Governor, notifying him of the organization of the House by the election of a Speaker, clerk and assistant clerk.

Mr. Pettengill subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Eaton of Calais, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that body of the organization of the House by the election of a Speaker, clerk and assistant clerk.

Mr. Eaton subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Mead of Bridgton, that gentleman was charged with the duty of conducting the clerk and assistant clerk to the Governor to receive the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Mead subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Manley of Augusta, informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. Harry R. Virgin as President, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary, and Frank G. Farrington as assistant secretary.

On motion of Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell,

Ordered, That George H. Fisher be messenger, W. J. Smith first assistant messenger, W. H. Holmes, second assistant messenger, Harry P. Hawes, mail carrier, Harry R. Cooledge, assistant mail carrier, J. F. Frederick, first folder, Chapin Lydston, second folder, Joseph H. Dixon, third folder, R. C. Noyes, first doorkeeper, E. Parker Craig, second doorkeeper, J. S. Estes and A. H. Whitman, official stenographers, and that the Speaker appoint the pages.

On motion of Mr. Allan of Portland,

Ordered, that the rules and orders of the last House of Representatives be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Sanford,

Ordered, that the clerk of the House furnish a catalogue containing the names of members alphabetically arranged, with the residences, postoffice address, boarding place, occupation, politics, number of seat, and diagram of the House, and that the usual number of copies be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Augusta,

Ordered, that the clerk of the House be instructed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate at the opening services of the House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Irving of Caribou,

Ordered, that the clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with one copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal and two other daily papers printed in the State such as each member or officer may select.

On motion of Mr. Boyd of Linneus,

Ordered, that the clerk of the House be authorized to procure the services of a typewriter during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle,

Ordered, that the secretary of State be directed to deliver to the clerk of the House one copy of the Holy Bible, one copy of Webster's unabridged dictionary, one copy of the Standard dictionary, one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, and one copy of Cushing's Manual.

On motion of Mr. Page of Skowhegan,

Ordered, that the sum of thirty dollars and usual mileage be allowed and paid Walter S. Cushing for services rendered by him at this session as page.

On motion of Mr. Cole of East Livermore,

Ordered, that the sum of forty dollars and usual mileage be allowed and paid Isaac B. Clary for services rendered by him at this session as assistant mail carrier.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Augusta,

Ordered, that the sum of thirty dollars and usual mileage be paid Ernest L. McLean for services rendered by him at this session as page.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Houlton,

Ordered, that the sum of forty dollars and usual mileage be allowed and paid Louis J. Brann for services rendered by him at this session.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Houlton,

Ordered, That the sum of forty dollars and usual mileage be allowed and paid Edward W. Delano for services rendered at this session as second door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with postage stamps to the same amount furnished to the members and officers of the seventieth Legislature.

For the joint standing committee on Gubernatorial vote the Speaker appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Oakes of Auburn, Dilling of Easton, Low of Portland, Patterson of Industry, Mills of Stonington, Lamb of Randolph, Carleton of Rockport, Clarke of Nobleboro, Hill of Brownfield, Barker of Bangor, Buxton of Abbot, Thomas of Topsham, Smith of Hartland, Campbell of Cherryfield,

Poor of Belfast, and Nash of Kennebunk.

The Speaker appointed as pages Charles Knowlton of Ellsworth and William B. Webb of Skowhegan.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the official returns of votes cast for representatives to the Seventy-first Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Page of Skowhegan, the communication was laid on the table pending the appointment of a House committee on elections.

Mr. Tremblay of Lewiston, presented a remonstrance of Jacob R. Little, George B. Haskell and Stephen J. Kelley against Alonzo M. Garcelon, Frank A. Morey and Michael A. Coyne holding seats in the House of Representatives from the city of Lewiston.

On motion of Mr. Tremblay the remonstrance was laid on the table pending the appointment of a House committee on elections.

On motion of Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell,

Adjourned to meet at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.