

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-Second Legislature**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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1905.

## HOUSE.

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

Augusta, January 4, 1905.

This being the day designated by the constitution of the State for the meeting of the 72d 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. Hayden of Augusta.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the 72d Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 148 members responding to their names.

On motion of Mr. Powers, Messrs. Powers of Houlton, Swain of Leeds, Baxter of Portland, Norcross of Winthrop, White of Levant, Purinton of Bowdoin, and Mullen of Bangor, 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. Powers 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 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. Hale, Messrs. Hale of Portland, Webster of Chesterville, Sargent of Castine, Blanchard of Blanchard, Bunker of Anson, Copp of Cornish,

and Morey of Lewiston, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker.

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

Whole number of votes cast,	146
Necessary for a choice,	74
Morrill N. Drew had	120
Charles F. Johnson had	26

and Hon. Morrill N. Drew was declared duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. Drew was conducted to the chair by Mr. Johnson, who said:

Gentlemen of the House: I have the honor and the personal pleasure of presenting to you Hon. Morrill N. Drew of Portland, of whom you have made choice as Speaker. (Applause).

On taking the chair as Speaker, Mr. Drew said:

Gentlemen of the House: I accept the office to which you have elected me, appreciating the great honor and realizing to the full the many responsibilities that it brings. It shall be my aim to assist you in the orderly and prompt dispatch of the business of the House, and to accomplish this I must have your sincere co-operation. In the discharge of our sworn duties let us be loyal to our individual constituencies, yet ever remembering that our first duty is to our beloved State, the fairest flower in the garland of States that make up our nation. In our work let us be cautious, yet brave. In matters of appropriations let us remember that the only source of revenue of our State is taxation in some form. Let us strive to satisfy our own consciences, and to merit the approbation of all good citizens of our State.

Gentlemen, again thanking you, I await your pleasure. (Applause).

On motion of Mr. Sewall, Messrs. Sewall of Bath, Sargent of Castine, Gannett of Augusta, Downs of Berwick, Witherspoon of North Haven, Vittum of Concord, and Leonard of Milo, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House.

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

Whole number of votes,	137
Necessary for a choice,	69

E. M. Thompson had 114  
 Thomas B. Mullen had 23  
 and E. M. Thompson was declared duly elected clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, Messrs. Stevens of Portland, Berry of Carthage, Norcross of Winthrop, Page of Hampden, Thomas of Topsham, Sawyer of Milbridge, and Thompson of Orono, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

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

Whole number of votes,	129
Necessary for a choice,	65
Harry R. Cooledge had	103
W. W. Morse had	26

and Harry R. Cooledge was declared duly elected assistant clerk.

On motion of Mr. Oakes of Auburn 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.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb of Eastport 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.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick 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. Higgins subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Morse of Waldo informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. Forrest Goodwin as president, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary, and Frank G. Farrington as assistant secretary.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Danforth,

Ordered, That F. H. Hoar be messenger, W. J. Smith be first assistant messenger, W. H. Holmes be second assistant messenger, Harry P. Hawes be mail

carrier, James A. Chase be assistant mail carrier, Joseph H. Dixon be first folder, Chapin Lydstone be second folder, L. E. Thornton be third folder, R. C. Noyes be first doorkeeper, E. Parker Craig be second doorkeeper, and that the Speaker appoint the pages.

On motion of Mr. Powers of Houlton, Ordered, That the clerk of the House be directed to invite the clergymen settled over the parishes in Augusta, Gardiner and Hallowell, namely: Revs. De-gen, Dunnack, Doherty, Hamel, Hayden, Kerney, Hope, Mosher, McKinnon and Spencer of Augusta; Clark, Joscelyn, Reardon, Plant, Quimby, Lawton and Tanberg of Gardiner; and Canhom, Livingston, Nelligan, Plummer and Wight of Hallowell, to officiate as chaplains of the House during the present session.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State in relation to official returns of votes cast for representatives to the 72d Legislature and was referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote.

On motion of Mr. Grant of Freeport, 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. Joscelyn of Portland,

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

On motion of Mr. Russell of Readfield,

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. Gannett of Augusta,

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. Swett of Portland, 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. Littlefield of Rockland,

Ordered, That J. S. Estes be official stenographer, A. H. Whitman assistant stenographer, with the same compensation as at last session.

By M. Kimball of Rockland,

Ordered, That the official now designated and known as mail carrier to the House be hereafter designated and known as postmaster of the House, and that the official now designated and known as assistant mail carrier be designated and known as mail carrier.

By Mr. Littlefield of Rockland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with postage stamps to the same amount as furnished to the members and officers of the 71st Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Rockland,

Ordered, That the sum of \$30 and usual mileage be allowed and paid William B. Webb for services rendered by him at this session as page.

On motion by the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the sum of \$30 and usual mileage be allowed and paid Charles Knowlton for services rendered by him at this session as page.

Mr. SWETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the House has had and now stand in need of a document clerk. The document room as at present organized, and the methodical arrangement of it, is due to Mr. Fisher, who has been in charge of it for several years, and it is of great help and assistance to the House. Such an officer is now sadly needed. The Senate has one and the House should have one. Mr. Fisher has become so familiar with it that he can put his hand on any document that any member may require at a moment's notice, and it is a matter of great importance in expediting the business of the

House. I move you that Mr. Fisher be appointed as a document clerk at such salary as the House may designate.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman reduce his motion to the shape of a writer order?

Mr. SWETT: I will do so.

Mr. Swett subsequently submitted the following order:

Ordered, That George H. Fisher be appointed document clerk of the House at such salary as the House may fix.

The order received a passage.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

To the joint select committee on gubernatorial vote the Speaker joined on the part of the House, Messrs, Oakes of Auburn, Milliken of Island Falls, Grant of Freeport, Berry of Carthage, Sargent of Sedgwick, Dennison of Litchfield, Page of Appleton, Nash of Damariscootta, Hastings of Bethel, Bliss of Bangor, Davis of Guilford, Purinton of Bowdoin, Vittum of Concord, Jones of Searsport, Allen of Dennysville, and Staples of Eliot.

The Speaker appointed the following pages: Frank Fellows of Bucksport; Harold E. Weeks of Fairfield.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Waterville.

Ordered, That all committees cause all legislative hearing notices of a public nature to be printed in the Kennebec Journal and the New Age of Augusta, and also in such other papers as the committees may designate.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House adopted in concurrence the order which came from the Senate in regard to the joint standing rules and on further motion by the same gentleman the order was then tabled for printing.

On motion of Mr. Oakes of Auburn,

Adjourned till 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.