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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1905.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Jan. 5, 1905

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dunuack of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick the order relating to joint rules was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was then given a passage in concurrence with the Senate.

Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.

The Speaker joined to the Senate committee to wait upon the Honorable William T. Cobb and inform him that he had been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years of 1905 and 1906, Messrs. Briggs of Auburn, Holmes of Caribou, Joscelyn of Portland, Russell of Readfield, Page of Appleton, Hastings of Bethel, and Bliss of Bangor.

Mr. Briggs subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and that the Governor-elect was pleased to say that he accepted the office to which he had been elected, and would attend at such place and time as it might please the Legislature to designate for the purpose of taking the oaths required by the constitution to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

A communication was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a joint convention of the two branches of the Legislature forthwith in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering to the Honorable William T. Cobb, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the constitution to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. Sewall of Bath, the clerk conveyed a message to the Senate signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a convention.

Thereupon the Senate came in and a convention was formed.

On motion of Senator Stetson, Messrs. Stetson of Penobscot, Simpson of York, Stearns of Millinocket, Hastings of Bethel, Hagerthy of Ellsworth, Sewall of Bath, and Kimball of Rockland, were

appointed a committee to wait upon the Honorable William T. Cobb, Governor-elect, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature were in convention assembled in Representatives' Hall, ready to administer to him the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and receive from him such communications as he might be pleased to make.

Senator Stetson, subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and that the Governor-elect was pleased to say that he was ready to take the necessary oaths of office and would forthwith attend upon the convention.

Thereupon the Governor-elect came in, attended by the Council and heads of Departments, and took and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Governor then communicated with the convention by address.

(The full text of the address will be found upon page 4).

The Governor and suite then retired.

The purposes for which the convention was called having been accomplished, it was dissolved and the Senate retired.

IN HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Senate through its Secretary proposing a joint convention of the two branches of the Legislature forthwith in Representatives' Hall for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, attorney general, State assessor, State printer, State binder, commissioner of agriculture and seven executive councillors.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Rockland, the House concurred in the proposition, and the clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate to that effect.

Thereupon the Senate came in a convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Senator Randall, Messrs. Randall of Cumberland, Tupper of Penobscot, Kimball of Rockland, Percy of Bath, Kinsman of Kennebec, Newcomb of Eastport, and Peacock of

Lubec, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for a Secretary of State.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Randall from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	169
Necessary for a choice,	85
Byron Boyd had	141
Edward S. Fossett had	28

The report was accepted and Hon. Byron Boyd was declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Senator Clark, Messrs. Clark of Hancock, Potter of Cumberland, Higgins of Limerick, Swain of Leeds, Reed of Portland, Weatherbee of Lincoln, and Davis of Guilford, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for attorney general.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Clark from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	146
Necessary for a choice,	74
Hannibal E. Hamlin had	119
Samuel W. Gould had	27

The report was accepted and Hon. Hannibal E. Hamlin was declared duly elected attorney general for the current political years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Senator Staples, Messrs. Staples of Washington, Tartre of York, Oakes of Auburn, Milliken of Island Falls, Stevens of Portland, Byron of Phillips, and Clark of Tremont, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for State assessor.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Staples from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	130
Necessary for a choice,	66
George W. Pottle had	130

The report was accepted, and Hon. George W. Pottle was declared duly elected State assessor for the current political years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, Messrs. Bartlett of Oxford, Bailey of Somerset, Morrison of Elden, Sargent of Brewer, Burkett of Union, Morton of Jackson, and Allan of Dennysville, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for commissioner of agriculture.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Bartlett from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	123
Necessary for a choice,	62
A. W. Gilman had	93
Obadiah Gardner had	30

The report was accepted and Hon. A. W. Gilman was declared duly elected commissioner of agriculture for the current political years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Senator Heselton, Messrs. Heselton of Kennebec, Shaw of Sagadahoc, Powers of Houlton, Webb of Brunswick, Webster of Chesterville, Kinsman of Augusta, and Bradford of Friendship, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for State printer.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Heselton from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	134
Necessary for a choice,	63
Clarence B. Burleigh had	110
Cyrus W. Davis had	24

The report was accepted and Hon. Clarence B. Burleigh was declared duly elected State printer for the current political years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Senator Potter, Messrs. Potter of Cumberland, Brown of Kennebec, Buzzell of Old Town, Merrill of Skowhegan, Gannett of Augusta, Wilder of Pembroke, and Smith of Saco, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for State binder.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Potter from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	132
Necessary for a choice,	67
William H. Reid had	106
Frederick W. Plaisted had	26

The report was accepted and Hon. William H. Reid was declared duly elected State binder for the current political years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Senator Pike, Messrs. Pike of Washington, Curtis of Cumberland, Paxter of Portland, Johnson of Hallowell, Oakes of Milford, Staples of Eliot, and Libby of South Berwick, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for seven executive Councillors.

Having attended to the duty assign-

ed it, Senator Pike from the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number votes,	131
Necessary for a choice,	66
George D. Bisbee had	105
Thurston S. Burns had	105
Cyrus N. Blanchard had	105
Walter E. Clarke had	105
Albert Pierce had	105
Nathaniel M. Jones had	105
George A. Murchie had	105
Bertrand G. McEntire had	26
Charles F. Guptill had	26
Leonard B. Brown had	26
Everett Farrington had	26
Hiram P. Farrow had	26
Cornelius Murphy had	26
Albert S. Farnsworth had	26

The report was accepted, and George D. Bisbee, Thurston S. Burns, Cyrus N. Blanchard, Walter E. Clarke, Albert Pierce, Nathaniel M. Jones and George A. Murchie were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political years of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Senator Mills of Hancock, the secretary of the convention was directed to inform Hon. Byron Boyd of his election as Secretary of State, Hon. Hannibal E. Hamlin of his election as Attorney General, Hon. A. W. Gilman of his election as Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. George W. Pottle of his election as State Assessor, Hon. Clarence B. Burleigh of his election as State Printer, Hon. William H. Reed of his election as State Binder, and the Hons. George D. Bisbee, Thurston S. Burns, Cyrus N. Blanchard, Walter E. Clarke, Albert Pierce, Nathaniel M. Jones and George A. Murchie of their election as Executive Councillors.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Senator Putnam of Aroostook, that gentleman was directed to inform the Councillors-elect that the two branches of the Legislature were assembled in Representatives' hall ready to administer to them the oaths required by the constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Senator Putnam subsequently re-

ported that he had performed the duty assigned him and that the Councillors-elect were pleased to say that they would attend upon the convention for the purpose indicated.

Thereupon the Councillors came in and took and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Senator Simpson of York, the secretary of the convention was charged with and conveyed a message to the Governor informing him of the election of the various State officers.

The object of the convention having been accomplished, the Senate retired, Orders from the Senate passed in concurrence.

The Speaker announced the monitors of the House as follows:

1st division—Morrison of Eden.

2d division—Higgins of Limerick.

3d division—Hanson of Machiasport.

4th division—Sargent of Brewer.

5th division—Kimball of Rockland.

6th division—Belleau of Lewiston.

7th division—Baxter of Portland.

8th division—Swain of Leeds.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Hallowell,

Adjourned till Wednesday morning, at 10.30 o'clock.