

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

of the

Seventy-Third Legislature

of the

State of Maine.

1907.

By Mr. Irving of Aroostook: An Act to incorporate the Frontier Trust Company.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Resolve for the amendment of the constitution relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Also: An Act to repeal Chapter 92 of the Laws of 1905.

By Mr. Merrill of Cumberland: Resolve for an amendment to the constitution by abrogating and annulling the Fifth Amendment to the constitution.

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: Bill, An Act in relation to the Union Water Power Company.

A message was received from the House, conveyed by Mr. Hall of Dover, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives had duly organized with the selection of Hon. Don A. H. Powers as Speaker, E. M. Thompson as clerk, and H. R. Coolidge as assistant clerk.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, the Senate adjourned to meet on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1907, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

HOUSE.

In convention of Members-elect of the House of Representatives.

Augusta, Jan. 2, 1907.

This being the day designated by the Constitution of the State for the meeting of the 73d 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 73d Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 148 members answering to their names.

On motion of Mr. Milliken, Messrs. Milliken of Island Falls, Michael of Frerechville, Titcomb of Farmington, Martin of Rumford, Oram of Bristol, Duncan of Rockland and Harriman of Bucksport 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. Milliken 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 Council then withdrew.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Smith, Messrs. Smith of Patten, Walker of Biddeford, Wood of Bluehill, Haskell of Deer Isle, Stuart of Belgrade, Perry of Randolph

and Davis of Poland, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker.

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

Whole number of votes,	150
Necessary for a choice,	76
Don A. H. Powers had	88
Charles F. Johnson had	62

and Hon. Don A. H. Powers was declared duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. Powers was conducted to the chair by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON: Gentlemen of the 73d Legislature: I have the pleasure of presenting to you the Hon. Don A. H. Powers whom you have chosen as your Speaker. (Applause.)

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: I most sincerely thank you for the honor conferred. It is indeed an honor to be called to preside over the deliberations of the representatives of the Legislature of Maine. I am aware that my election to this office is in consequence of a majority vote of the parties in this State. In my official capacity, however, I should make, and shall make, no distinction of persons. I hope to conduct myself in such a manner as to receive and merit the confidence and esteem of every individual member of this body. In order to do my duty well I must have your full co-operation, and this I believe I shall have. My mistakes must necessarily be many, but they will be of the head and not of the heart.

Some people in this State there are who think they want a great many things of this Legislature, but, gentlemen, there is a vast distinction between the wants, or supposed wants, and the needs of an individual or a community. The teachings of the fathers that the least legislation is most frequently the best legislation, I trust will guide and control our actions largely at this session. As this session progresses and as I become personally acquainted with you, I hope to meet you and express to you more fully the sense of obligation under which you have placed me by

selecting me to preside over your deliberations.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, the Chair now awaits your pleasure. (Applause.)

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, Messrs. Baldwin of Boothbay Harbor, Dyer of Buckfield, Martin of Bangor, Hall of Dover, Higgins of Ellsworth, Dondero of Chelsea and Lynch of Washington were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House.

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

Whole number of votes	144
Necessary for a choice	73
E. M. Thompson had	87
Leonard B. Clarke had	56
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and E. M. Thompson was declared duly elected clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, Messrs. Cobb of aGrdiner, Walker of Lyman, Randall of Montville, Folsom of Norridge-wock, Giddings of Gorham and Donigan of Bingham were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

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

Whole number of votes	142
Necessary for a choice	72
Harry R. Coolidge had	84
Walter Philoon had	58

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

On motion of Mr. Leighton of Westbrook 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. Leighton subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Dover 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. Hall subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. Irving of Caribou informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. Fred J. Allen as President, F. G. Farrington as secretary and S. C. W. Simpson as assistant secretary.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Dover 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. Hall subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

Mr. Hall of Dover presented the following order:

Ordered, That H. F. Hoar be messenger, W. J. Smith be first assistant messenger, Clyde B. Scribner be second assistant messenger, Lon. M. Philbrick be postmaster, James A. Chase be mail carrier, Joseph H. Dixon be first folder, Chapin Luydston be second folder, L. E. Thornton be third folder, Patrick Hayes be first door-keeper, Orison W. Sole be second door-keeper, and that the Speaker appoint the pages.

Mr. Johnson of Waterville moved to amend the foregoing order by substituting the following.

Ordered, That Frank I. Allen be messenger, Arthur Leonard be first assistant messenger, Frank Miller be second assistant messenger, Eugene I. Cummings be postmaster, George A. Murphy be mail carrier, A. H. Norton be first folder, A. P. Gray be second folder, Harry Mansfield be third folder, John F. Bennett be first door-keeper, F. C. Deering be second door-keeper.

Mr. Johnson also moved that the vote upon the amendment be taken by a division.

The motion was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed as monitors, Messrs. Danforth of Skowhegan, Folsom of Norridgewock, Hovey of Sullivan, Skidmore of Liberty, Chase of Waterboro, Joy of Eden, Martin of Bangor and Allen of Richmond.

A division being had, the amendment was lost by a vote of 63 to 52.

The order was then given a passage.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Patten,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as chaplains of the House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Peacock of Lubec,

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

The following order was received from the Senate:

Ordered, That the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years of 1907 and 1908 be referred to a point select committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

The Speaker joined on the part of the House Messrs. Stubbs of Strong, Smith of Patten, Hall of Caribou, Peacock of Lubec, Frost of Lewiston, Charles of Mechanic Falls, Dondero of Chelsea, Pinkham of Lincoln, Whitehouse of Dayton, Allen of Richmond, Young of Hiram, Stevens of Portage Lake, Blanchard of Auburn, Hill of Machias, Jordan of Portland, and Perry of Randolph.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the official returns of votes for Governor given in on the 10th day of September last in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State, which was referred to the committee on gubernatorial votes in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Webster,

Ordered, That Frank L. Sanborn be appointed document clerk for this session.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Waterville,

Ordered, That J. S. Estes be official stenographer and A. H. Whitman be assistant stepographer for the present session.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Bangor,

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 the usual number of copies be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. Stubbs of Strong, 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 72d Legislature.

Mr. Knowlton of Monson presented the following order:

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.

Mr. Johnson of Waterville moved to amend the order by striking out the words "Daily Kennebec Journal," also by striking out the word "two" and substituting the word "three," so that the order as amended will read, "That the clerk be directed to furnish three daily papers printed in the State such as each member or officer may select."

Mr. Weeks of Fairfield moved that a division be had on the amendment.

The motion was agreed to, and a division being had, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 80 to 29.

The order was amended then received a passage.

On motion of Mr. Safford of Kittery,

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.

The Speaker appointed as pages Roy Morrison of Saco and James M. Benson of Newport.

Mr. Johnson of Waterville introduced the following: Bill, An Act to authorize the Somerset Railway Co. to extend its railway from the Northwest Carry in the town of Seboomook westerly, northerly and easterly to the Canadian line by one or more routes, and to authorize other railway companies to purchase its franchise and property.

Mr. Johnson moved that the bill lie

on the table pending the appointment of a committee on railroads and expresses.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.