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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

SENATE

Wednesday, January 13, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Ruth E. Swift of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

The hour having arrived to which the joint convention adjourned the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House.

(For proceedings in joint convention see House Report.)

Upon the return of the Senate to its chamber the President announced the members of the committee on reference of bills, as follows: The President of the Senate, ex-officio, and Senator Boynton of Lincoln, on the part of the Senate; the Speaker of the House, ex-officio, and Representatives Gallagher of Bangor and Higgins of Brewer, on the part of the House.

**Messages and Documents from the
Heads of Departments**

STATE OF MAINE

Department of State,

Augusta, Maine, January 8, 1915.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Legislature assembled:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the report of the commissioner on the revision and consolidation of the Public Laws of the State of Maine, under resolve of April 4, 1913.

Very respectfully,

J. E. ALEXANDER,

Secretary of State.

Read and referred to the committee on reference of bills.

STATE OF MAINE.

Department of State. Office of the Secretary.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 8, 1915.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Legislature assembled;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the second annual report of the

State Board of Charities and Corrections, covering the year ending November 1, 1914.

Very respectfully,

J. E. ALEXANDER,

Secretary of State.

Read and sent down for concurrence.

STATE OF MAINE

State Auditor's Office.

Augusta, Me., December 31, 1914.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the 77th Legislature:

I herewith transmit as required by Section 9, Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 145 of the Public Laws of 1911, the estimates in detail, of the expenditures of the various Departments, Boards, Commissions and Institutions of the State Government for the years 1915 and 1916, showing the demands to be made upon the incoming Legislature as reported to me by the heads of these various departments.

The income estimate is based on the receipts from indirect taxes during the past two years, together with the natural increase as is shown year by year, together with the receipts from direct taxes based on a valuation of \$500,000,000, with a tax rate of five mills for 1915 and 4½ mills for 1916; also the results of a rate of 4½ mills for each year are shown.

Very respectfully,

T. F. CALLAHAN,

State Auditor.

Read and referred to the committee on reference of bills.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair wishes to state there are certain bills, acts and resolves that have been placed in the box and are now in the hands of the Senate. The committee on reference of bills just having been appointed, that committee has not had time to give any attention to those bills. They will come up at the next session and be read and referred by

the committee, if there is no objection.

On motion by Mr. Moulton of Cumberland, the order in relation to an agreement with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for telephone service for members of the legislature, tabled by him yesterday, was taken from the table.

On motion by the same Senator the order was given a passage and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby an order was passed directing the Secretary to prepare and publish the Senate registers.

On further motion by the same Senator the order was indefinitely postponed.

Senator Boynton of Lincoln then presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Senate and House registers and the list of committees and joint rules, be combined, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, and that 1500 copies of the pamphlet be printed for the use of the legislature.

Mr. BOYNTON: Mr. President, in order that the Senators may understand the motive and purport of this order, I will say that it has been thought advisable to put the two pamphlets into one, and it will be a saving of expense and more convenient for the members.

The order was given a passage and sent down for concurrence.

Senator Boynton presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, The House concurring, that Section 11 of the Joint Rules shall be amended by striking out the whole of the same and substituting therefor the following:

11.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Reference of Bills to recommend the printing of documents before reference to committees, in their

discretion, suggesting the number of copies to be struck off. Whenever a document shall be printed under the Joint Rules governing the procedure following a favorable committee report, the number of copies shall be five hundred, unless otherwise ordered. Sufficient copies shall be delivered to the Messengers of the two Houses for the members and officers thereof and the balance shall be delivered to the Document Clerk, who shall reserve one hundred copies for the Departments and for binding, twenty copies for the committee having the same under consideration, and shall be responsible for the equitable distribution of the remainder.

Mr. BOYNTON: Mr. President, in order that members may understand something of the purport of this order, I will say that it has been the custom in the past to publish not less than 750 copies, when perhaps 100 was all that was ever needed, and more too. Now it is a fact that two cart loads of bills, printed at the last session, accumulated, that there was no earthly use for and they were sent to the junk heap and burned. The intent of this alteration is that we may have all the bills we want, and thus needless and useless surplus done away with.

The order was given a passage and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BOYNTON: I do not wish to be understood, Mr. President, as trying to do the whole business here. There is another order that puts the list of committees in their proper places, and institutes other reforms which have been thought best. I offer the following order and move its adoption.

(Order read by the President.)

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by adding in the first paragraph of Section 1 the words, "On Salaries and Fees," and "On Reference of Bills," in the list of committees; rearranging the list of committees so that they will be in accordance with their alphabetical order; inserting after the

word "committees" in the last paragraph of Section 1 the words, "Except the Committee on Reference of Bills," and adding at the end of Section 1, the sentence, "The Committee on Reference of Bills shall consist of one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House with the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, members ex-officio," so that said Section 1 as amended will read as follows:

1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz:

- On Agriculture.
- On Appropriations and Financial Affairs.
- On Banks and Banking.
- On Claims.
- On Commerce.
- On Counties.
- On Education.
- On Federal Relations.
- On Indian Affairs.
- On Inland Fisheries and Game.
- On Insane Hospitals.
- On Interior Waters.
- On Judiciary.
- On Labor.
- On Legal Affairs.
- On Library.
- On Manufactures.
- On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.
- On Military Affairs.

- On Mines and Mining.
- On Pensions.
- On Public Buildings and Grounds.
- On Public Health.
- On Railroads and Expresses.
- On Reference of Bills.
- On Salaries and Fees.
- On School for Feeble Minded.
- On Sea and Shore Fisheries.
- On State Lands and Forest Preservation.
- On State Prison.
- On State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.
- On Taxation.
- On Telegraphs and Telephones.
- On Temperance.
- On Towns.
- On Ways and Bridges.

And each of said committees, except the Committee on Reference of Bills, shall consist of three on the part of the Senate, and seven on the part of the House, with leave to report by bill or otherwise. The Committee on Reference of Bills shall consist of one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House, with the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, members ex-officio.

The order was given a passage and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Knox,
Adjourned.