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In convention of members-elect of the House of Representatives of the 78th Legislature.

This being the day designated by the Constitution of the State for the meeting of the 78th Legislature, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives at 10 o'clock A. M., and were called to order by Chandler C. Harvey, clerk of the last House.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Livingston of Hallowell.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the 78th Legislature.

A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 146 members-elect answering to their names.

On motion by Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro, Messrs. Holt of Gouldsboro, Babb of Sebago, Williams of Auburn, Averill of Prentiss, Boman of Vinalhaven, Reed of Bangor and McNally of Ashland 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 the hall of the House of Representatives, and request his attendance to administer the oath required by the Constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Holt 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.

The report of the committee was accepted.

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.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, Messrs. Barnes of Houlton, Washburn of Perry, Jenkins of Kingfield, Ryder of Brownville, Lawrence of Fairfield, Goldthwait of Biddeford, and Clement of Montville were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker.

Having attended to the duties assigned it, Mr. Barnes from the committee reported 146 votes cast; necessary for a choice 74; Mr. Harmon of Stonington had 41; Mr. Bonney of Bowdoinham had 105.

The report was accepted.

W. L. Bonney was thereupon declared Speaker of the House for the present session, and was conducted to the chair by Mr. Harmon.

Mr. HARMON: Gentlemen of the House, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the honored gentleman of this House from Bowdoinham, whom we have just elected Speaker for the present session. (Applause.)

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen of the House, any citizen of Maine may well have a sense of pride in being chosen to preside over the deliberations of this body, a co-ordinate branch of the great law-making department of our State government. It seems entirely fitting that my first words as Speaker be an expression of appreciation and of thanks to the members of the majority party for conferring upon me the signal honor of being installed into this Chair, which has been filled by so many able and distinguished men, many of whose names are written in conspicuous characters in the evolution of State, national and international affairs.

Several of my friends among the members of the opposite political faith have expressed to me a wish that they might by their votes help elect me to this position. This gives me a feeling of satisfaction and security. I do not expect that my election here this morning will on motion be made unanimous, party tradition and custom running to the contrary. I hope and do expect that in devo-

tion to duty in the discharge of our official obligations, in team work, in the interchange of parliamentary courtesies, we shall have absolute unanimity. I appreciate the difficulties of this position. I understand thoroughly, better perhaps than some of you, certainly as well as any of you, in what large measure the successful and harmonious working of this body depends on the prompt, exact and impartial decision of its presiding officer. Other speakers have made their mistakes; I shall make mine; speakers who come after me shall make theirs. I ask from each one of you your courtesy, your forbearance, and all your charity. Gentlemen, I wish that we might in our deliberations here be governed entirely by what we regard as the best interests of the State of Maine whose servants we are and to whom we are responsible. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause.)

A message was received from the Senate through Senator Davies of Cumberland informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. Taber D. Bailey of Penobscot as President, of William E. Lawry of Augusta as secretary.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, Messrs. Farrington of Augusta, Garcelon of Auburn, Hammond of Van Buren, Wilson of Portland, Grant of Houlton, Fleming of Bangor and Larabee of Bath were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House for the present session.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Farrington from the committee reported 145 votes cast; necessary for a choice 73; William R. Roix had 108 votes and C. C. Harvey had 37 votes.

The report was accepted and William R. Roix declared duly elected clerk of the House for the present session.

On motion by Mr. Stubbs of Strong, Messrs. Stubbs of Strong, Wagg of Durham, Albert of Madawaska, Chaplin of South Portland, Harmon of Stonington, Libby of Litchfield, Watson of Parkman, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Stubbs from the committee reported 138 votes cast; Fortunat Bel-leau had 36 votes, Edward W. Chase had 102 votes.

The report was accepted and Edward W. Chase declared duly elected Assistant Clerk of the House for the present session.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland that gentleman was charged with a message to the Governor notifying him of the organization of the House by the election of a speaker, clerk and assistant clerk.

Mr. Baxter subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Holt of Skowhegan, that gentleman was charged with 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. Holt subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

The report was accepted.

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

Mr. Dutton subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

The report was accepted.

The clerk and assistant clerk then assumed charge of their respective positions.

Mr. Baxter of Portland introduced the following order:

Ordered, that Patrick A. Hayes be messenger; Chandler Hutchins be assistant messenger; William F. Morrison be postmaster; Thomas M. Rollins be mail carrier; Joseph H. Dixon be first folder; Howard S. Mitchell second folder; Charles Ashford doorkeeper and that the Speaker appoint two pages and a document clerk.

Mr. Harmon of Stonington offered an amendment to the order by substituting the following: That Frank A. Leonard be messenger; H. N. Rogers assistant messenger; A. E. Moulton postmaster; Michael Fitzgerald, mail carrier; J. P. Potter first folder; Thomas J. Lynch second folder and N. S. Gray doorkeeper.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

A viva voce vote being taken, the amendment was lost.

The question then being on the adoption of the order offered by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Baxter,

The order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Murray of Bangor,

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

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham,

Ordered, That the official reporter of the House be authorized to procure the services of a typewriter operator during the session of the 78th Legislature for the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record.

On motion by Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford,

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

On motion by Mr. Washburn of Perry,

Ordered, That Cecil Clay of Portland be appointed official reporter of the House for the present session; and that Edward T. Richardson of Portland be appointed assistant reporter of the House for the present session, said assistant reporter to have the same compensation as the assistant reporter of the 77th Legislature.

Mr. Farrington of Augusta 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 three daily papers printed in this State such as each member and officer may select.

Mr. BUSSABARGER of Lubec: Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the passage of that resolution, and with your indulgence I would like to state my basis for this objection. I asked the senator from Washington county what was the object of this resolution some time ago, and I believe the end in view a benevolent and worthy one—to inform the membership of this honorable House of public opinion in Democratic, Republican and independent newspapers; but I very much doubt whether the end in view would be obtained by the passage of this resolution. I think that 10 per cent. would be a large estimate of the membership who read three papers each day of the session. I would not like to undertake the job myself. We can lead a horse to water but we cannot make him drink. If any class, or city, or town, has sent citizens here who are not informed as to their duties, it would be an impossible task for this honorable body to educate them while they are here. I know this is a worthy object, but there are innumerable objects worthy of our attention, and we are not here representing ourselves. As the honorable Speaker said in his opening address, we are to look after the best interests of all the people of the State of Maine. Before leaving for this capitol, a good Republican friend called me over the phone and said, "Be sure and send me the Kennebec Journal; it won't cost you anything." Also, a deserving Democrat, who had worked for the support of the member from Lubec, said, "Be sure and send me a good Democratic paper;" that would only leave one paper for the speaker. Now friends and fellow members of this assembly, I have in mind some deserving people—blind people—old soldiers' children; one especially who has been 23 years in a wheel chair and who would like to have special aid from this honorable body. If you take three daily papers and distribute them among a membership of nearly 200, it would amount to five or six hundred dollars; and that would keep one of these deserving dependents for at least a year,

perhaps two years. I appreciate the fact that most of you have already signed up for these three papers; I have not. If you pass the resolution, of course I will send my deserving Republican friend and my deserving Democratic friend a copy of the respective papers they desire; but I shall not avail myself of that privilege, because, as a democratic Democrat, I am unalterably opposed to special class legislation of any kind whatsoever—or any subsidy—and this is a subsidy—to a special class of three per cent. out of one thousand, when 987 per cent. are the people who have to pay for it. I oppose the resolution for that reason.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the passage of the order, gentlemen.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, whether or not the members of this Legislature need three papers to read or whether or not they will read them, I believe the State of Maine is not so niggardly in its view of things that it is not willing to help educate the public if it has to, or that it will say that if we do not read the papers we can not send them to our friends.

Mr. BOMAN of Vinalhaven: Mr. Speaker, I am heartily in sympathy with the remarks made by the gentleman from Lubec (Mr. Bussabarger) and before taking a vote about this matter I hope that the members of the House will not take this as a political move because it is not so intended. I think, Mr. Speaker, that three papers is one too many for the State to pay for. The gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Farrington) spoke about educating the people. I think every member of this House takes from one to five papers when at home. Furthermore every man takes a local paper or a county paper. Now the Kennebec Journal gives the details of everything that transpires in this Legislature. Now when we go outside of that and give them another paper I think that the State ought not to pay for a third one. Half of these papers are never read at all but are thrown in the waste basket; and I move an amendment substituting the word "two" for the word "three."

The SPEAKER: I will ask the gentleman from Vinalhaven (Mr. Boman) to submit that amendment in writing.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, if anybody wants three papers or five, I think we are haggling over 50 cents and letting a thousand dollars go by. I for one say that they should have three papers if they want them and I am willing to so vote. Here we are sitting here, and our time is worth something, haggling over this small matter, and I think in all due respect to the gentlemen who have spoken before that we should pass this without any amendment. (Applause).

The SPEAKER: The question, gentlemen, is on the adoption of the amendment, the amendment having been offered in proper form— unless the gentleman from Vinalhaven wishes to withdraw his amendment.

Mr. BOMAN: I see the House is largely in favor of three papers and I withdraw my amendment.

The question being on the adoption of the order offered by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington,

A viva voce vote being taken, the order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton,

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

On motion by Mr. Holt of Skowhegan.

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 the members and officers of the 77th Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Packard of Newburgh.

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.

Mr. Cole of Eliot presented the following order:

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

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, before that is put I want to offer an amendment as follows: "Smoking is not allowed while the House is in session," in explanation of this I would like to say that in my opinion it detracts a good deal from the dignity of this House if the members smoke while in session. I also think it lessens the efficiency of the House. We are going to have serious work here and we need clear heads. One of the first requisites for a clear head is pure air; and I believe we will do better work and that our health will be better, if we refrain from smoking. Also, we often have ladies present as our guests, and it seems to me it is not quite courteous to smoke in their presence. I do not wish to interfere with the personal liberty of any member of this House, but except during the time when votes are in progress, any member may leave the House and retire to the corridors or to the smoking room. As I recall it, the only session of the Legislature in recent years where smoking was allowed was the 77th Legislature. I think we would all be better satisfied at the end of the session if those who smoke refrain while the sessions are in progress, and I offer that as an amendment to the House Rules. (Applause.)

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, as one of the members of the House I am in hopes that the order as amended may receive a passage. Those of us who enjoy the vice of smoking, as I do, will yield to the ordinary rules of decorum and propriety. If there is any parlia-

mentary question, we are now making the rules of this House, and it seems to me that it is in order to adopt a set of rules to suit ourselves. Those of us who have had business to do before the Legislature of the State in prior years remember that it was the custom, and if I am not mistaken it has been the rule ordered, that there shall not be during the session of the House of Representatives smoking in the chamber. I am heartily in favor of the passage of this order at this time. (Applause.)

The SPEAKER: There seems to be a question involving some parliamentary law. The situation as I understand it is this: We stand here now as not having adopted the rules of the last Legislature. Therefore, we are a body that can make laws unto ourselves. Now I would suggest as a way out of this, and to save time and stop this discussion, that the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Baxter) withdraw the amendment which he has offered, and that we pass the original order. As I understand it, we are governed by Reed's Rules when they do not conflict with our own.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I do not quite understand the purpose of that, but if you make that suggestion, I, of course, will withdraw my amendment. If you will inform me how I may present it later in order that the House may take action upon it, I will gladly do this.

The question being on the adoption of the order offered by the gentleman from Eliot, Mr. Cole,

The order received a passage.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Chair if in the opinion of the Chair it would be in order for me to offer that amendment at the present time.

The SPEAKER: The House having adopted the rules of the last House, the opinion of the Chair is that an order similar to the one introduced by the gentleman from Portland under the rules of the last House would be laid on the table one day for action.

Pending its adoption, the amendment was then tabled, as above.

The following order was presented and received a passage:

Ordered: That the secretary of State be directed to deliver to the clerk of the House all typewriting paper, pencils, carbon paper and other necessary supplies which shall be needed in the clerk's office during the session of the 78th Legislature.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the papers of the last session of the last Legislature, referred to this, be taken from the files and referred to the appropriate committees.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the return of votes for governor given to the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years 1917 and 1918 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the joint rules and orders of 1915 and 1916 be the joint rules and orders of the Legislature.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the secretary of the Senate and clerk of the House jointly prepare the Senate and House Register, and that 2,000 copies be provided for the use of the Legislature.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: There comes from the Senate the following:

Ordered: the House concurring, that the return of votes for Governor given to the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years 1917 and 1918 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Those appointed on the part of the Senate were Senator Ames of Washington, Senator Chick of Kennebec, Senator Davis of Piscataquis, Senator Lord of York, Senator Ricker of Hancock, Senator Stanley of Oxford and Senator Googin of Androscoggin. The Chair appoints on the part of the House Messrs. Washburn of Perry, Barnes of Houlton, Conary of Bucksport, Bowman of Detroit, Garcelon of Auburn, Murray of Bangor and Tate of Topsham.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that a committee consisting of two members on the part of the Senate, and as many as the House may join, be appointed with full authority to make a contract with the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for telephone service of the 78th Legislature in matters connected with their official duties.

This order came from the Senate with the following committee named in that branch: Senators Bartlett of Kennebec and Baxter of Sagadahoc.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the order was accepted in concurrence with the Senate.

The Speaker thereupon appointed on the part of the House as members of such committee Messrs. Rounds of Portland, Gannett of Augusta and Langley of Lewiston.

A communication was received from the office of the secretary of State transmitting a report of the votes cast in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State for Governor on the 11th day of September last.

On motion this communication was referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote in concurrence with the Senate.

The Speaker appointed as monitors of the respective divisions Messrs. Dutton of Bingham, Chaplin of South Portland, Bussabarger of Lubec and Merrill of Gray.

On motion of Mr. Dutton of Bingham, the House voted to take a recess until 2.30 in the afternoon.

Afternoon Session

The House called to order by the Speaker.

A communication was received from the Senate, through its secretary, proposing a joint convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of electing a secretary of State, State treasurer, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture and seven executive councilors.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham the House voted to concur in the resolution for a joint convention.

On further motion by Mr. Dutton the clerk of the House was charged with a message to the Senate signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a joint convention.

The clerk of the House subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

At this point the Senate came in and a joint convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate assumed the chair.

On motion by Senator Higgins it was voted to appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for secretary of State.

The chairman of the convention then appointed Messrs. Higgins of Penobscot, Stanley of Oxford, Cushman of Auburn, Powers of Fort Fairfield, Brewster of Portland, Packard of Rockland and Largent of Bangor.

Mr. SISSON of Island Falls: Mr. Chairman, I notice that the ballots that have been distributed have on them for secretary of State "Fred W. Ball." If I am not mistaken the nominee's name is Frank W. Ball.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we can obviate that trouble. We all understand who the candidate is, and if there is any question about it we can take care of it when the vote is declared.

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: Mr. Chairman, to avoid all technicalities, why

would it not be well for all of us to return these ballots that are written "Fred W. Ball of Dover," scratch that out, and write the gentleman's correct name on the other side? In that way we have elected Frank W. Ball and not Fred W. Ball.

The CHAIRMAN: As I understand you, you mean to scratch out the name "Fred" and put in "Frank."

Mr. SISSON: Mr. Chairman, I notice that we are supplied with ballots reading "Frank W. Ball of Dover," and possibly there are a sufficient number of those.

The CHAIRMAN: Those of you who have ballots like that can use them and the others can scratch out "Fred" and insert "Frank" as suggested by the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Buzzell.

Having attended to the duties assigned it, Senator Higgins from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 156; necessary for a choice 79; John E. Bunker had 44; Frank W. Ball had 112.

The report was accepted and Frank W. Ball declared duly elected secretary of State.

On motion by Senator Holt it was voted to appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for treasurer of State.

The chairman then appointed Messrs. Holt of Cumberland, Googin of Androscoggin, Stubbs of Strong, Conary of Bucksport, Farrington of Augusta, Dow of Jefferson and Neilon of Biddeford.

Having attended to the duties assigned it, Senator Holt from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 162; necessary for a choice 82; Joseph W. Simpson had 119; Elmer E. Newbert had 43.

The report was accepted and Joseph W. Simpson was declared duly elected State treasurer for the political years 1917 and 1918.

On motion by Senator Davies, it was voted to appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for attorney general.

The chairman • then appointed Messrs. Davies of Cumberland, Butler of Knox, Buzzell of Belfast, Dutton of Bingham, Murray of Bangor, Lyford of Sebec and Holt of Skowhegan.

Having attended to the duties assigned it, Senator Davies from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 179; necessary for a choice, 90; Guy H. Sturgis had 133; Leonard A. Pierce had 46.

The report was accepted and Guy H. Sturgis was declared elected attorney general for the political years of 1917 and 1918.

On motion by Senator Stanley, it was voted to appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for commissioner of agriculture.

The chairman then appointed Messrs. Stanley of Oxford, Grant of Cumberland, Snow of Mars Hill, Baxter of Portland, Redman of Ellsworth, Libby of Litchfield and Fleming of Bangor.

Having attended to the duties assigned it, Senator Stanley from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 171; necessary for a choice, 86; William T. Guptill had 45; John A. Roberts had 126.

The report was accepted and John A. Roberts declared duly elected commissioner of agriculture for the political years of 1917 and 1918.

On motion of Senator Gillin, it was voted to appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for seven Executive Councillors.

The chairman then appointed Messrs. Gillin of Penobscot, Hastings of Androscoggin, Driscoll of Lewiston, Hammond of Van Buren, Anderson of Portland, Ellis of Gardiner and Webb of Cherryfield.

Senator AMES: Mr. Chairman, I notice that the name of the councillor of the seventh district is given as Ashley P. St. Clair. It should be Ashley St. Clair without any middle letter. I move that the letter P be stricken off the ballots and the convention so notified.

The motion was carried.

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Chairman, a part of the members of this convention have voted for Ashley P. St. Clair and a part of them for Ashley St. Clair and I move that the votes that have been collected be returned again in order that those may be rectified to correspond.

The motion was carried, and the ballots re-distributed as ordered.

Having attended to the duties assigned it, Senator Gillin from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 155, necessary for a choice 78; Edward F. Gowell of Berwick had 116; George W. Norton of Portland had 116; Frank B. Nichols of Bath had 116; Fred W. Bunker of Anson had 116; Alton E. Farnsworth of Brooklin had 116; Norman H. Fay of Dexter had 116; Ashley St. Clair of Calais had 116; J. G. C. Smith of York had 39; John Clark Scates of Westbrook had 39; Wallace N. Price of Sagadahoc had 39; William F. Scott of Somerset had 39; J. E. Cunningham of Hancock had 39; H. T. Gallagher of Penobscot had 39; Frank W. Burnham of Washington had 39.

The report was accepted.

The Chair thereupon declared Messrs. Gowell of Berwick, Norton of Portland, Nichols of Bath, Bunker of Anson, Farnsworth of Brooklin, Fay of Dexter and St. Clair of Calais duly elected councillors for the State of Maine for the political years of 1917 and 1918.

On motion by Mr. Sisson of Island Falls, the secretary of the convention was directed to inform Frank W. Ball of Dover of his election as secretary of State, Guy H. Sturgis of Portland of his election as attorney general, John A. Roberts of Norway of his election as commissioner of agriculture, Joseph W. Simpson of his election as treasurer of State, and Messrs. Gowell, Norton, Nichols, Bunker, Farnsworth, Fay and St. Clair of their election as Executive Councillors, all for the political years of 1917 and 1918.

Subsequently the secretary of the convention reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

Mr. Canary of Bucksport moved that the rules be suspended by unanimous consent, and that a message be sent to the Executive Councilors-elect informing them that the two branches of the Legislature are in convention assembled ready to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The motion was agreed to and by unanimous consent, the rules were suspended.

The chairman of the convention thereupon appointed Mr. Canary of Bucksport to transmit the message to the Councilors-elect and subsequently this gentleman reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

Thereupon the Councilors-elect came in and took the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Baxter of Portland presented the following order:

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor informing him of the election of Hon. Frank W. Ball of Dover as secretary of State, Hon. Guy H. Sturgis of Portland as attorney general, Hon. Joseph W. Simpson of York as treasurer of State, Hon. John A. Roberts of Norway as commissioner of agriculture, and of the election and qualification of the Hons. Edward F. Gowell of Berwick, Frank B. Nichols of Bath, Fred W. Bunker of Anson, Alton E. Farnsworth of Brooklin, Norman H. Fay of Dexter and Ashley St.

Clair of Calais as Executive Councilors for the political years of 1917 and 1918.

The order received a passage.

The chairman of the convention thereupon appointed Mr. Baxter of Portland to convey the message.

Mr. Baxter retired and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

At this point, the Senate retired to its chamber.

In the House

The Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I have no order to present but I wish to say to the members of this House that the telephone is working although we have not yet signed the contract. We will have a meeting right away after adjournment and probably the matter will then be settled.

The SPEAKER: I would suggest that the committee appointed on the gubernatorial vote, working in connection with the Senate committee, that they perform their duties, because, as I understand it, that report must be made tomorrow morning.

The Chair is not yet ready to appoint the pages and document clerk.

On motion by Mr. Russell of Farmington, adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.