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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

January 9, 1917.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Phalen of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Baxter of Portland presented the following order:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that an invitation be and hereby is extended to Hon. William Widgery Thomas to address the members of the 78th Legislature, and the citizens of Augusta, on the story of New Sweden, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17; and it is further ordered that the hall of the House of Representatives be placed at his disposal for this occasion.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I should like to make a few remarks to explain the order. As the members of this House know, Hon. William Widgery Thomas was the man who established the colony of New Sweden. Mr. Thomas, when a young man, went to Sweden as United States consul. He later returned there as minister to Sweden and acquired an international reputation. Early in Mr. Thomas' career, he was twice elected Speaker of this House. Perhaps Mr. Thomas' greatest work was in bringing to this country the Swedes who settled in Aroostook county and formed that community there. Now Mr. Thomas, not being satisfied with that first colony, has in mind establishing a second colony, and he wants to present to the members of this Legislature his plan. As I understand it, this involves no expense to the State of Maine; and instead of appearing before a committee, with a small audience, it occurred to Mr. Thomas that it might be well to explain it to the entire Legislature, and I can think, Mr. Speaker, of nothing more appropriate than for this Legis-

lature to extend to Mr. Thomas an invitation to address the Legislature and the citizens of Augusta. That is the reason for the introduction of this order, and, in talking with him, a week from Wednesday will be convenient, if the House sees fit to pass this order in concurrence with the Senate.

The order was given a passage and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, it was

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House be authorized to appoint two assistant messengers to perform such duties as he may require of them, such messengers to receive the same compensation as the pages of the House.

On motion by Mr. Jordan of Baileyville it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the secretary of State be directed to furnish clerks of committees postage stamps and such other necessities for the transaction of their business as said committees shall order.

On motion by Mr. Tuttle of Caribou, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the document clerk prepare an alphabetical index of the Senate and House documents at the close of each week, and that 300 copies of each revision be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature and the several heads of departments.

On motion by Mr. Packard of Newburg, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that 675 copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1917 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the recording officers of both branches of the Legislature, and the remainder to be deposited in the State library for exchange and library use.

Ordered further, that a suitable index for such Legislative Record be printed and bound with each volume, to be prepared under the direction of the State librarian.

Ordered further, that 350 copies of the Legislative Record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to the members of the Legislature and the departments.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas of Eastport, it was

Ordered, that the secretary of State be directed to deliver to the members and officers of the House of Representatives, and to the official reporter of the House and his assistant, each a copy of the Laws of Maine passed in 1915.

On motion by Mr. Washburn of Perry, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the committee cause all legislative notices of a public nature to be printed in such papers as the committees may designate.

On motion by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Maine Bar Association for the afternoon of January 10th, and that the floor inside the rail be reserved for the members of the Legislature, the Governor and Council and their guests.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that 675 copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1917 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the remainder to be deposited in the State library for exchange and library use.

Ordered, further, that a suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record under the direction of the State librarian at an expense not exceeding \$250.

Ordered further, that 350 copies of the Legislative Record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to members of the Legislature and the departments under the direction of the document clerk.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, the order was tabled.

From the Senate: Ordered, that a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to be known as the committee on Public Utilities, be appointed for the consideration of bills and resolves particularly relating to public utilities which come before this Legislature.

Ordered further, that a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to be known as the committee on State sanatorium, be appointed for the consideration of all bills and resolves relating to institutions for the suppression and control of tuberculosis which come before this Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Lisbon, the order received a passage in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the Governor and ordered placed on file in concurrence with the Senate:

STATE OF MAINE.

Executive Chamber.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 3, 1917.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with the Constitution of the State, I herewith communicate to the Legislature each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted during the years 1915 and 1916, stating the name of the convict, the crime of which he was convicted, the sentence and its date, the date of the reprieve, remission, commutation or pardon, and the conditions, if any, upon which the same was granted.

(Signed) OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Lisbon, it was voted to reconsider the motion whereby the Senate Order to appoint a committee on Public Utilities and committee on State Sanatorium was passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, it was voted to concur with the Senate in passing the above order, and join seven members on each committee on the part of the House.

The SPEAKER: Naturally, the Chair will form these committees later and

announce them with the other committees, sometime tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.