

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# LEGISLATIVE RECORD

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## STATE OF MAINE

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## SENATE

Tuesday, January 21, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. A. F. Walsh of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

### Message from the Executive Chamber To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Immediately upon the organization of the Committee on Public Safety, in March, 1917, Walker Blaine Beale, telephoning from his college dormitory, placed at the disposition of the committee the house which had been the home of his distinguished grandfather. He did this without reserve, and with all the ardor of his high spirit. His heart, if not his home, had ever been in Maine, and he gave this expression of the love he bore her, and of the obligation imposed by birth, by the blood that Maine had honored, and which by illustrious service had honored Maine.

He was not to live to see the full execution of his filial and patriotic purpose by the uses to which this house was dedicated, and to which, though the committee no longer exists, it continues to be dedicated in his memory by his mother.

From it the food production of the State was stimulated—a valuable adjunct to the navy was created, unique among the States—our people aroused and united as never before in unselfish effort. And in the appalling epidemic which swept the State, it was from here that the emergency committee directed the fight against it, and heroic messengers of mercy were sent forth to our stricken communities.

Today, it is the repository of the faithful records of the Exemption Boards—the records of those who served and who were ready to serve, alike with the records of the few who failed in this great test of men.

This benefaction to the State was

the least gift the author of it was to give to the great cause in which his whole heart was enlisted. He volunteered, he died in action. No nobler eulogy can any man have than this!

There have been many heroes in this war, and heroines, too, far from the battle line. But in the words of that great American whom a nation has just been called upon to mourn, "The torches whose flame was brightest were borne by the gallant men at the front, and by the gallant women whose husbands and lovers, whose sons and brothers, were at the front."

On the roll of eternal honor of those who will never come back, no name shall rank another!

For all made equal sacrifice. Among them there is in our hearts no room for invidious comparison, nor can there be in theirs. Recruited from college, factory and from farm, they lived over there as they left us here: in affectionate comradeship, the grandest democratic army the world has ever seen!

Not, therefore, to him alone, but to all our youth, whose exemplar he was, by virtue of his manly and endearing qualities, do I refer, when I call your attention for appropriate action to the memory of Walker Blaine Beale, in the name of all those who fell—in the name of our sorrowing womanhood, whose sorrows can never equal the pride and joy those sorrows give them the right to feel.

CARL E. MULLIKEN,  
Governor.

Dated at the  
Executive Chamber  
January 21, 1919.

Read by the secretary and, on motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, referred to the committee on military affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills, resolves, etc., were presented, and upon recommendation of the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

### Agriculture

By Mr. Babb of Cumberland: An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes by repealing Section 16, relating to the capacity of milk cans.

By Mr. Googin of Androscoggin, An

Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State sealer.

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

By Mr. Googin of Androscoggin, Resolve in favor of Women's Christian Association, Lewiston, for the purpose of maintaining a home and reading room for working women.

#### **Interior Waters**

By Mr. Metcalf of Piscataquis, Resolve in aid of navigation on Moosehead lake.

#### **Judiciary**

By Mr. Dearth of Penobscot, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of inheritance tax on property of religious institutions. (500 copies ordered printed).

By the same senator, An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the examination of applicants for admission to the bar. (500 copies ordered printed).

#### **Salaries and Fees**

By Mr. Dearth of Penobscot, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Section 1 of

Chapter 133 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the fees paid to registers of probate to be paid to the treasurers of their respective counties. (500 copies ordered printed).

#### **Pensions**

By Mr. Babb of Cumberland, Resolve in favor of Cynthia S. Witham of Sebago.

#### **Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, S. D. No. 21, An Act to amend sections 53, 54 and 55 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, requiring a permit for the burning of brush or slash near woodlands, and providing for better enforcement of the "Slash law," tabled for printing, was taken from the table and on further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation, in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to suggest to the senators that all amendments to bills be offered on the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Stanley of Oxford, Adjourned.