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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Thursday, January 4, 1923.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. A. Francis Walch of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Committee Report
STATE OF MAINE
Senate Chamber

The committee to which was referred the returns of votes cast for senators in the several districts at the State election held on the 11th day of September, 1922, has attended to its duty and asks leave to report as follows:

The following persons have received a plurality of the votes cast in their respective districts and are, therefore, elected senators:

First Senatorial District—Harmon G. Allen, Sanford; Wilbur D. Spencer, Berwick; George W. Stevens, Kennebunkport.

Second Senatorial District—Ralph O. Brewster, Portland; Harry L. Cram, Portland; Frederick W. Hinckley, South Portland; Alexander Speirs, Westbrook.

Third Senatorial District—Frederick O. Eaton, Rumford.

Fourth Senatorial District—William H. Kirschner, Lisbon; Albert D. Morneau, Lewiston.

Fifth Senatorial District—Charles R. Hall, Wilton.

(Senator-elect Charles R. Hall died December 27, 1921).

Sixth Senatorial District—Frank W. Carlton, Woolwich.

Seventh Senatorial District—Herman H. Adams, Belgrade; Frank G. Farrington, Augusta; Herbert E. Wadsworth, Winthrop.

Eighth Senatorial District—Walter S. Bemis, Harmony; Clyde H. Smith, Skowhegan.

Ninth Senatorial District—Erwin G. Ryder, Brownville.

Tenth Senatorial District—Taber D. Bailey, Bangor; Byron G. Croxford, Newport; Frank P. Morison, Corinth.

Eleventh Senatorial District—Herbert A. Clark, Jefferson.

Twelfth Senatorial District—Richard O. Elliot, Thomaston.

Thirteenth Senatorial District—Hodgdon C. Buzzell, Belfast.

Fourteenth Senatorial District—Joseph D. Phillips, Southwest Harbor; Percy G. Sargent, Sedgwick.

Fifteenth Senatorial District—Roscoe C. Emery, Eastport; Varney A. Putnam, Danforth.

Sixteenth Senatorial District—Stetson H. Hussey, Blaine; Paul H. Powers, Houlton; Allen C. T. Wilson, Presque Isle.

(Signed) Messrs. Hinckley,
Spencer,
Wadsworth,
Croxford,
Wilson,
Putnam,
Morneau.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brewster of Cumberland, from the joint select committee on the Gubernatorial votes submitted the following report:

STATE OF MAINE

The joint select committee on returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years 1923 and 1924, has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the whole number of votes returned for Governor was 178,979.

Percival P. Baxter had 103,713; William R. Pattangall had 75,256.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Allen of York, it was

Ordered, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Hon. Percival P. Baxter and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years 1923 and 1924.

The Chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Allen of York, Speirs of Cumberland and Powers of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

Mr. SPENCER of York: Mr. President, I wish to present the following resolve:

Be it known:

THAT WHEREAS our former colleague and brother, Charles R. Hall, has recently been summoned to the Supreme Assembly, and

WHEREAS, while our loss will be his inestimable gain in a broader realm of accomplishment than heretofore, his absence will deprive us of his genuine comradeship, the State of his loyal service, and his family of his untiring care and devotion.

RESOLVED, that even if in the

years to come there may remain only a line—or, perhaps, not even a word—of our doings in this hall, there be inscribed upon our minds and hearts today this memorial of Charles R. Hall.

THAT he was a good citizen, a real neighbor, a true friend, and in every sense a noble man.

THAT we reaffirm our confidence in his sterling character, our appreciation of his friendship, our faith in the permanence of his achievement and our conviction of his continued promotion.

THAT the secretary of this Senate transmit forthwith to the bereaved family a copy of this memorial as an expression of our united sympathy and esteem.

The resolve was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Waldo, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday, January 9, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that owing to the storm the trains have been delayed pretty nearly an hour from Portland, and it seems better to simply not take a recess, but to be within the sound of the gavel where we can come together for proper motions and orders in regard to the joint convention.

The Senate may be at ease without declaring a recess.

The Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that 3000 copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Sargent of Hancock, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature be held forthwith in the hall of the House for the purpose of administering to the Hon. Percival P. Baxter, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The secretary conveyed the message and subsequently reported that he had

delivered the message with which he was charged.

Message from the House

A message was received from the House conveyed by the clerk informing this body that the House had concurred in the proposition of the Senate to hold a joint convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives forthwith for the purpose of administering to the Hon. Percival P. Baxter, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate hears the message from the House.

The Senate thereupon proceeded to the hall of the House for the purpose of holding a joint convention.

(For proceedings in joint convention see House Report).

On return of the senators to their chamber on motion by Mr. Buzzell of Waldo, it was

Ordered, that the Maine Bar Association have the use of the Senate Chamber Wednesday afternoon, January 10th.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join be appointed to consider the Governor's message, and report a reference of its several objects to appropriate committees.

The Chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Smith of Somerset, Ryder of Piscataquis and Morison of Penobscot.

Committee Report

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and that senator of the joint committee appointed to make a contract with the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company for telephone service for the members of the 81st Legislature, reported that they had had the same under consideration and asked leave to report the accompanying order.

The report was accepted.

The secretary read the order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member of the Senate and House to the number of 50 calls of reasonable duration from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member of the Senate and House be provided with a card to

be certified to by the secretary of State or his deputy; the cost of this service to be paid to the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company at regular tariff rates.

The order was passed and together

with the report of the committee was sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Allen of York, adjourned until Tuesday, January 9, at 4.30 o'clock P. M.