

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SENATE

Thursday, February 24, 1927

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Milo G. Folsom of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell of Aroostook, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that we may call attention to the emblem of Aroostook, The Irish Potato, symbol of prosperity, of health, happiness and contentment, our most economic food product, responsible for an added \$68,000,000 to our material wealth in 1926, with the natural increase in transportation revenues.

Reposing in all its grace and beauty on the desk before you on this day, decreed by the Legislature and ordained by the Governor, we ask the Senate to rise, bow before its shrine, study well its qualities, speak eloquently of its virtues, spread its gospel of good will and satisfying comfort to a hungry world, that those of us who already bask in its sunshine may share our glories with you.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell of Aroostook, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that a committee be appointed consisting of three members on the part of the Senate with as many as the House may join for the purpose of presenting to the Governor and Council a selection of Aroostook potatoes.

The President appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate: Senator Mitchell of Aroostook, Senator Pinkham of Aroostook and Senator Bragdon of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase for the office of the Secretary of the Senate one copy of the 1926 edition of the Rand & McNally Company International Atlas of the World.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that an invitation be extended to Mrs. Emma Knowlton, of Augusta, to act as Chaplain of the Senate on Friday, February 25th.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House, the following order:—

Ordered, the House concurring, that the President and Treasurer of the State of Maine Associates be requested by the Secretary of the Senate to prepare for the information of the eighty-third legislature a statement of moneys including the names of the persons or organizations contributing same and how and where said money was dispensed, listing names and amounts when said money was expended and purpose therefor.

(In Senate, January 20, read and passed.)

In the House indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, that body voted to adhere to its former action.

From the House: An Act to regulate the sale of cider. (S. D. 80)

(In Senate, February 15, referred to Committee on Agriculture.)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Temperance in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Bragdon of Aroostook, that body receded from its former action and the bill was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

From the House: An Act creating a department of purchasers. (H. D. 257)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the Senate, referred in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Woods of Penobscot the Senate reconsidered its action whereby this bill was referred in concurrence and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was tabled pending reference.

From the House: An Act to incorporate the city of Belfast School District. (H. P. 602)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Bragdon of Aroostook, tabled pending reference.

#### House Bills in First Reading

An Act to establish duck sanctuaries in Knox County. (H.D. 166)

Resolve to appropriate money to aid in the screening of Alford's Lake, in the County of Knox. (H. D. 170)

An Act to Change the Name of Tunk Pond to Tunk Lake. (H. D. 241)

An Act to amend the charter of the City of Rockland to provide that the municipal fiscal year shall end on the first day of November. (H. D. 237)

An Act to amend the charter of Rumford Falls Village Incorporation. (H. D. 240)

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to the opening and closing of the polls at primary elections. (H. D. 44)

Mr. SPEIRS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I wish to offer an amendment to this bill. This bill is to change the hours from 12 to 9 P. M. The amendment calls for the opening from 6 to 7 P. M. Mr. Kitchen believes this should be from 6 to 6 and this amendment calls for the polls to be open from 6 in the morning until 6 in the afternoon.

The secretary then read Senate Amendment A to House Document 44, as follows:

Strike out the word "seven" in lines six and thirteen. In place thereof insert the word 'six,' so that lines one to sixteen inclusive shall read, "Chapter six of the revised statutes as amended by chapter sixty-two of nineteen hundred twenty-five is hereby further amended by striking out lines twenty and twenty-one thereof and inserting in place thereof the following": "The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and continue open until six o'clock in the afternoon, when they will close," and by striking out in the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth lines thereof the words "The meetings shall be opened and closed as stated in the form of the warrant foregoing," and inserting in place thereof the following: "The meetings may be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and shall be opened

not later than ten o'clock in the forenoon. The polls shall be kept open until six o'clock in the afternoon and shall then be closed. Notice of the time of opening and closing shall be given in the warrant calling the meeting," so that said chapter, as amended, shall read as follows:

On motion by Mr. Roberts of York the bill and amendment were tabled pending adoption of the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Holmes of Androscoggin 500 copies of the amendment were ordered printed.

An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, relating to closing of polls at election. (H. D. 45)

Mr. SPEIRS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that this bill be tabled. If the other amendment goes through, this bill will not be necessary because this changes the hours from six to six.

The motion prevailed.

Resolve providing for the purchase of "Music and Musicians of Maine." (S. D. 47)

On motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec, tabled pending acceptance of the report.

An Act to incorporate the Bluehill Water Company. (H. D. 74)

An Act to incorporate the Southwest Harbor Water District. (H. D. 49)

Resolve in favor of Joseph L. Paquin, for salary as secretary of the board of prison commissioners. (H. D. 167)

An Act relating to taking of clams in Addison. (H. D. 239).

An Act to confirm the title of Rumill's Hub in Tremont, Hancock county. (H. D. 242)

Resolve that the forest commissioner be empowered and directed to convey a lot of land in Wallagrass Plantation. (H. D. 243)

The following bills, resolves, etc., were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

#### Public Utilities

By Mr. Granville of York, An Act relating to contracts by corporate public utilities with holding corporations and with associated subsidiary corporations. (S. P. 361)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Case of Washington, An Act

relating to obtaining permission to set traps on trawls. (S. P. 356).

(500 copies ordered printed)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**State Lands and Forest Preservation**

By Mr. Roberts of York, An Act to secure information relating to the yearly cut of timber in this State. (S. P. 357)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same senator, An Act relating to the operation of portable saw-mills. (S. P. 358)

(500 copies ordered printed)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Taxation**

By Mr. Douglas of Hancock: An Act to provide equitable and uniform taxation for motor vehicles. (S. P. 359)

(500 copies ordered printed)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Ways and Bridges**

By Mr. Bond of Lincoln: An Act to amend Section 92 of Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1921, relative to disposition of motor vehicle fees. (S. P. 360)

(500 copies ordered printed)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Reports of Committees**

Mr. Foster from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, on bill An Act to authorize the county of Washington to issue its bonds in an amount not exceeding four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the purpose of refunding its bonds now outstanding and maturing in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight (S. D. 60) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was read and accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Granville from the Committee on Insane Hospitals, on Resolve Making an Appropriation for a Nurse's Home at the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 27) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Morrison, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill An Act to Amend Section 1, of Chapter 311 of the Private and Special Laws of 1870, relating to the Oquossoc Angl-

ing Association (S. D. 42) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

Resolve in Favor of Ward W. Wescott of Ellsworth, for Partial Reimbursement for Expenditures in Proceedings Brought Against Him for His Removal from His Office as Sheriff of Hancock County. (H. D. 55)

An Act to Incorporate Trustees of St. Peter's By-the-Sea Protestant Episcopal Church. (H. D. 110)

An Act Relating to Opportunity Farm Association. (H. D. 111)

**Passed to be Enacted**

An Act Relating to the Edward Little Institute, and to Appointment of Trustees Thereof. (H. D. 107).

An Act Relating to and Defining the Duties of Certain Officers with Reference to Aliens Committed for Violation of Law. (H. D. 4)

An Act to Establish the Narragansett Game Sanctuary in the Town of Gorham (H. D. 108)

An Act to Repeal Chapter Four Hundred and Fifty-six of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Relating to Procuring the Enforcement of "An Act to Prevent the Throwing of Slabs and Other Refuse into Penobscot River". (S. D. 46)

An Act Relating to Pilots for the Port of Portland. (S. D. 27)

(On motion by Mr. Oakes of Cumberland tabled pending final passage.)

An Act to Provide for the Retirement of Police Officers and Firemen, in the City of Westbrook, upon Half Pay. (S. D. 22)

**(Emergency Measure)**

Resolve, Appropriating Money for the Construction and Equipment of a New Wing for the Bangor State Hospital. (S. D. 41)

This resolve, carrying the emergency clause, required the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate on its final passage.

Twenty-seven Senators voting in the affirmative and none opposed,

the resolve was given its final passage.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state at this time that the concurrent order presented by the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Mitchell, earlier in today's session, has been concurred in by the House and the Speaker has appointed as members of the committee on the part of the House: Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, Mr. Hammond of Van Buren and Mr. Crawford of Houlton.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Dwinal of Knox the Senate voted to take from the table An Act relating to government of the town of Camden, (S. P. 219) tabled by that Senator on February 16th pending reference, and on fur-

ther motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the following bills be recalled from the Committee on Ways and Bridges: An Act to Amend the Distribution of Tax on Gasoline, H. D. 24; An Act Relating to a Tax Upon Gasoline, H. D. 211; An Act Relating to a Tax Upon Gasoline, H. D. 212; An Act Relating to Application of Gasoline Taxes Collected, H. D. 213.

On motion by Mrs. Allen of Penobscot

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, February 25th, at ten o'clock.