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## HOUSE

Wednesday, January 2, 1929.

In convention of the members-elect of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature.

This day being the day designated by the Constitution of the State for the meeting of the Eighty-Fourth 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 Clyde R. Chapman, Clerk of the House of 1927.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bradford of Hallowell.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting a certified roll of the Representatives-elect of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature.

A call of the roll by the Clerk revealed the presence of a quorum and 151 members responded to the call.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth, Messrs. Foster of Ellsworth, Hammond of Van Buren, Hathaway of Milo, Littlefield of Monroe, Tucker of Sanford, Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro, and Mrs. Folsom of Norridgewock were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-elect had assembled in the Representatives' Hall and request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Foster subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Representatives-elect for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Thereupon the Governor, attended by his Council, came in and administer to the members-elect, and they subscribed, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

The Governor and suite then retired.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft Messrs. Merrill of Dov-

er-Foxcroft, Sturgis of Auburn, Robie of Westbrook, Melcher of Rumford, O'Connell of Millinocket, Burns of Eagle Lake and McCart of Eastport were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker of the House.

Mr. Merrill subsequently reported the whole number of votes cast 142. Necessary for a choice, 72. Hon. Robert Hale had 134, and Francois Belleau of Lewiston had 8.

The report was accepted, whereupon Hon. Robert Hale was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature for the years 1929 and 1930, and Mr. Hale was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Belleau of Lewiston, amid prolonged applause.

Mr. BELLEAU of Lewiston: Representatives of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature: I esteem it a high honor to be given the privilege of presenting to you your Speaker-elect, the Honorable Robert Hale of Portland, Maine. (Applause)

SPEAKER HALE: Ladies and gentlemen, members of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature: I appreciate more deeply than I can tell you the confidence which you have manifested in me. I appreciate no less deeply that the measure of your confidence is the measure of my responsibility. To be worthy of the trust reposed in me, to maintain the high traditions of this office, to serve unselfishly the State of Maine, these are grave and solemn duties,—inspiring duties.

I am well minded that the Speaker of this House is the servant of this House and not its master. I aspire to be not merely a faithful but an humble servant. The door of yonder office will never be closed to any member of this House. Debates and controversies there will be. They are our legitimate occupation. Asperities and rancours there need not be. If there are questions of procedure, they may well be settled in advance of the session, or outside of the session, by consultation between the members and the Speaker. Such conferences and consultations will always be welcomed. In this way the stream of legislation may flow evenly, silently it may be, in any event making only a cheerful sound.

The Chair awaits your pleasure. I thank you. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, Messrs. Kitchen of Presque Isle, Holbrook of Vanceboro, Heath of Guilford, Farrington of Jay, Boston of Gardiner, Hurd of Berwick and Miss Laughlin of Portland were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Clerk of the House.

Mr. BELLEAU of Lewiston: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the minority party has no candidate for this office, and I move you, sir, that the committee cast the unanimous vote for the nominee of the Republican party, Mr. Clyde R. Chapman.

The motion prevailed, and Mr. Kitchen of the committee reported that Clyde R. Chapman was duly elected Clerk of the House for the Eighty-Fourth Legislature of Maine. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Crawford of Houlton, Messrs. Crawford of Houlton, Gillespie of Meddybemps, Ingraham of Bangor, Bishop of Boothbay Harbor, Bailey of Harmony, MacKinnon of Mexico and Rounds of Portland were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

On motion by Mr. Melcher of Rumford, it was voted that the committee cast its unanimous vote for the Republican nominee, Harvey R. Pease of Wiscasset as Assistant Clerk.

Thereupon Mr. Crawford of the committee reported that Harvey R. Pease was duly elected Assistant Clerk of the House for the Eighty-Fourth Legislature of Maine.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth, that gentleman was charged with the message to the Governor, notifying him of the organization of the House by the election of Honorable Robert Hale as Speaker, Clyde R. Chapman as Clerk, and Harvey R. Pease as Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Foster subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, which report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Sanford, that gentleman was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the organization of the House by the election of Honorable Robert Hale as

Speaker, Clyde R. Chapman as Clerk and Harvey R. Pease as Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Allen subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and the report was accepted.

At this point a message was received from the Senate, through Senator Martin of Kennebec County, informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of Honorable J. Blaine Morrison as President, Royden V. Brown as Secretary, and Chester T. Winslow as Assistant Secretary.

On motion by Mr. McLean of Bar Harbor, that gentleman conducted the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Governor to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk had taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, which report was accepted.

Thereupon Clyde R. Chapman and Harvey R. Pease as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively appeared and entered upon the discharge of their official duties.

### Orders

On motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, it was

Ordered, that H. Ralph Hayes of Portland be Messenger; Frank H. Treworgy of East Surry be Assistant Messenger; John K. Forhan of Canton be Postmaster; D. S. Clement of Winthrop be Mail Carrier; Fred C. Barnes of Bangor be First Folder; John Curry of Gardiner be second Folder; Patrick H. Fitzgerald of Augusta be Doorkeeper; and that the Speaker appoint two pages and a Document Clerk.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook, it was

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member at the opening of each daily session.

The Clerk of the House is also

hereby directed to employ necessary additional clerical assistance, and to make the necessary printing arrangements.

On motion by Mr. Roy of Lewiston, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Clerk of the House one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of The Standard Dictionary, one Holy Bible, one copy of Cushing's Parliamentary Law, one copy of Reed's Parliamentary Rules and one copy of Roberts' Rules.

On motion by Mr. Hawkes of Standish, it was

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House 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. Sargent of Brewer, it was

Ordered that the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Clerk of the House all typewriting paper, pencils, fountain pens, carbon paper, and other supplies which may be needed in the Clerk's office during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Stone of Biddeford, it was

Ordered that the State Librarian be authorized and directed to furnish the Clerk of the House with one copy of the Revised Statutes, and one copy each of the session laws of 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925 and 1927, and the House Journal of 1925, the Senate Journal of 1925 and the Legislative Record of 1927.

On motion by Mr. Williamson of Augusta, it was

Ordered that the Superintendent of Buildings be directed to purchase for the Clerk of the House typewriters and such other office equipment as shall be deemed necessary by the Clerk, and charge the same to Legislative expense.

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Portland, it was

Ordered, that Cecil Clay of Belfast be Official Reporter of the House for the present session, the compensation to be the same as at the last session.

On motion by Mr. Aldrich of Topsham, it was

Ordered, that the Official Reporter of the House be authorized to procure the services of a typist and proofreader during the present session for the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record, her compensation to be five hundred and fifty dollars.

On motion by Mr. McKnight of Poland, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of State be authorized and directed to furnish the Maine State Year Book to each member and officer of the House.

On motion by Mr. Roy of Lewiston, it was

Ordered, that the State House Superintendent be directed to see that the Rest-room be properly furnished for the comfort of our Representatives; that the room be equipped with card tables and games for their recreation, and above all that the piano be tuned to the highest pitch that we may be able to maintain a perfect harmonious feeling among our members. (Laughter and applause)

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft, it was

Ordered, that the Rules and Orders of the last House of Representatives be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Kane of Additon, it was

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House during the present session with one copy each of three daily papers printed in the State as each member and officer may select.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce the following selection: As Document Clerk, John Davis of Portland; as Pages, Newell Rumery of Augusta and Harold Choate of Hallowell.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the members and officers of the Legislature be furnished with express and parcel post transportation for all packages and Department reports

in a sum not exceeding five dollars for each member and officer thereof, and that such transportation be furnished and expended under the direction of the State Library Department, and the unexpended balance at the close of the year 1929 shall be available for use in 1930.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that a Joint Committee, consisting of two members on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed with full authority to make a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for telephone service for the members of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature with matters connected with their official duties.

In the Senate, read and passed, with the following members appointed on its part: Senator Martin of Kennebec and Senator Ireland of Piscataquis.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted that the Chair appoint three members of the House to join with the two members on the part of the Senate.

Thereupon, the Chair appointed Messrs. Rounds of Portland, Kitchen of Presque Isle and Foster of Ellsworth.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years 1929 and 1930 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

In the Senate, read and passed with the following members appointed on its part: Senators Bond of Lincoln, Mitchell of Aroostook, Dunbar of Hancock, Slocum of Cumberland, Allen of Penobscot, Harriman of Kennebec and Murchie of Washington.

In the House read and passed in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Jackson of Portland, it was voted that a committee be appointed on

behalf of the House to join with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate; and the Chair appointed Representatives Jackson of Portland, Sturtevant of East Livermore, St. Clair of Rockland, Heath of Guilford, O'Connell of Millinocket, Mansfield of Jonesport and Blodgett of Bucksport.

From the Senate: Ordered the House concurring, that the desk and Chair located in the Governor's office in the State House, and by him used for executive purposes during the past four years, be presented on behalf of the State of Maine to Governor Ralph O. Brewster.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the Document Clerk prepare each week for the use of the Legislature a cumulative index of all bills and resolves introduced during the session showing precisely the important steps in the history of each and its final disposition or present status, and that five hundred copies thereof be printed.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed 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 four thousand copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth, it was voted that the House accord to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Bissett, his choice of a seat in the House; and on further motion by the same gentleman Messrs. Belleau of Lewiston, Daigle of Madawaska, Rounds of Portland, and Butler of Bath were accorded the privilege of a choice of seats in the House.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Kingfield, Mr. Kane of Addison was ac-

corded the privilege of choosing a seat satisfactory to himself.

Mr. BISSETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members for the privilege accorded me. Come right down to Seat No. 1 and you will always find Bill on the job. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of State furnish each member and officer of the House of Representatives with postage stamps to the amount of ten dollars.

On motion by Mr. Hatch of Lovell, a recess was taken to 2.30 P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by the Speaker at 2.50 P. M.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

"State of Maine,  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Augusta, Maine,  
January 2nd, 1929.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the returns of votes given by the several cities, towns and plantations of this State on the second Monday of September last for the Representatives in the Legislature.

Respectfully,  
EDGAR C. SMITH,  
Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Rumill of Tremont the communication was read and referred to the committee on Elections.

The SPEAKER: A notice has been received at the office of the Clerk of the House, informing the House that Oscar E. Turner of Hartford, Maine, will contest the seat of Roland N. Stetson.

On motion by Mr. Rumill of Tremont the communication was likewise referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, an order went through this forenoon providing for telephone service. The committee has made arrangements so that members can go to the Deputy Secretary of State and get their cards.

They will have fifty calls each; or if they wish to receive calls they may have the toll charges reversed and the ticket punched.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the Eighty-third Legislature be the joint rules of this Legislature, with the following rule added:

"No. 19. The several clerks of the committees to which are referred bills, orders or resolves involving the appropriation or expenditure of money, shall, forthwith upon receipt of such bills, transmit a copy thereof carrying endorsement of reference to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. No bills shall be in order for advertising for hearing, or any other procedure, until such copy is so transmitted. The appropriations committee shall issue a printed report and tabulation of such bills weekly."

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

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 forthwith for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and seven Executive Councilors.

Thereupon the House voted to concur with the Senate in accepting the proposition for a joint convention.

The Clerk of the House was then 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.

Mr. FOSTER of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, there seems to be a wrong impression on the part of some of the members regarding the order that just came in from the Senate. The real object of having these bills sent to the appropriations committee is simply for our files. It does not prejudice—

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

#### IN CONVENTION

The President of the Senate in the Chair.

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

The Chairman of the Convention thereupon appointed as members of such committee, Senators Weeks of Somerset and Nickerson of Waldo, and Representatives Hammond of Van Buren, Farris of Augusta, Day of Gorham, Burkett of Union and Melcher of Rumford.

The committee to receive, sort and count votes having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Weeks for that committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 166; necessary for a choice, 84; Edgar C. Smith had 161 and Louis B. Lausier had 5.

The report was read and accepted and Edgar C. Smith, having received the majority of the votes cast, was declared elected Secretary of State for the political years 1929-1930.

On motion by Senator Martin of Kennebec, it was voted to appoint a committee of seven to receive, sort and count votes for Treasurer of State.

The Chairman of the convention then appointed as members of such committee Senators Martin of Kennebec and Dunbar of Hancock, and Representatives Anderson of New Sweden, Burr of Mattawamkeag, Campbell of Leeds, Clark of Winslow and Roy of Lewiston.

The PRESIDENT: The committee will attend to its duty and the Chair will state there is an error in the name of the Treasurer as it appears on the ballot. There it is "William S. Owens" and the correct name is "William S. Owen"; and the Chair would suggest that in casting the ballot, before that is done, each one strike out the "s".

The committee having attended to its duty, Senator Martin for the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 163; necessary for a choice, 82; William S. Owen had 152; John A. McDonald had 11.

The report was accepted and William S. Owen was declared

elected Treasurer of State for the political years 1929-1930.

On motion by Senator Slocum of Cumberland, it was voted to appoint a committee of seven to receive, sort and count votes for Attorney-General.

The Chairman of the convention then appointed as members of such committee Senators Slocum of Cumberland and Bond of Lincoln, and Representatives Hughes of Mapleton, Hubbard of Plymouth, Jacobs of Wells, Jones of Windsor, and Mansfield of Jonesport.

Thereupon the committee having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Slocum for the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 162; necessary for a choice, 82; Clement F. Robinson had 152 and Herbert E. Holmes had 10.

The report was read and accepted, and Clement F. Robinson having received the majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Attorney-General for the political years 1929-1930.

On motion by Senator Spear of Cumberland, it was voted to appoint a committee of seven to receive, sort and count votes for Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Chairman of the convention thereupon appointed as members of such committee Senators Spear of Cumberland and Allen of Penobscot and Representatives Powers of Caribou, Hawkes of Richmond, McLean of Bar Harbor, Quint of Limerick and Picher of Waterville.

The committee having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Spear for that committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 160; necessary for a choice, 81; Frank P. Washburn had 151, and Leslie E. McIntire had 9.

The report was read and accepted and Frank P. Washburn having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Commissioner of Agriculture for the political years 1929-1932 inclusive.

On motion by Senator Dwinal of Knox, it was voted to appoint a committee of seven to receive, sort and count votes for seven executive councilors; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was voted



that when the executive councilors are elected, they be elected by a collective ballot, one ballot bearing the names of the seven Republican nominees and another ballot bearing the names of the seven Democratic nominees.

The committee having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Dwinal for the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 167; necessary for a choice, 84. The following have 154 votes: Orman L. Stanley, Frederick Robie, Charles S. Cummings, Blaine S. Viles, Raymond E. Thurston, Lewis O. Barrows and Allen C. T. Wilson.

The following received 13 votes: Peter M. McDonald, Eugene J. Cummings, Frank A. Morey, Edward C. Moran, Jr., F. Harold Durbord, Patrick J. Byrnes and Joseph A. Laliberte.

The report was accepted and Orman L. Stanley, Frederick Robie, Charles S. Cummings, Blaine S. Viles, Raymond E. Thurston, Lewis O. Barrows and Allen C. T. Wilson were declared elected Executive Councilors for the political years 1929-1930.

On motion by Senator Mitchell of Aroostook, the Secretary was directed to notify Honorable Edgar C. Smith of his election as Secretary of State, Honorable William S. Owen of his election as Treasurer of State, Honorable Clement F. Robinson of his election as Attorney-General, Honorable Frank P. Washburn of his election as Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Honorables Orman L. Stanley, Frederick Robie, Charles S. Cum-

mings, Blaine S. Viles, Raymond E. Thurston, Lewis O. Barrows, and Allen C. T. Wilson of their elections as Executive Councilors for the political years 1929-1930.

Subsequently the Secretary reported that he had notified the officers as directed.

On motion by Senator Pinkham of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the Governor, informing him of the election of Honorable Edgar C. Smith as Secretary of State, Honorable William S. Owen as Treasurer of State, Honorable Clement F. Robinson as Attorney-General, Honorable Frank P. Washburn as Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Honorables Orman L. Stanley, Frederick Robie, Charles S. Cummins, Blaine S. Viles, Raymond E. Thurston, Lewis O. Barrows, and Allen C. T. Wilson as Executive Councilors for the years 1929-1930.

The President appointed the Senator from Aroostook, Mrs. Pinkham, to convey the message.

Subsequently the same senator reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

At this point the joint convention was dissolved, its purposes having been accomplished, and the Senate retired to its Chamber.

#### IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker in the Chair

On motion by Mr. Pike of Lubec, Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.