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OF THE

Eighty-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, November 7, 1934.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hughes of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

The Speaker: Since the roll was called yesterday three members who did not then answer have reported to the House, as follows: Messrs. Tompkins of Bridgewater, Leathers of Hermon and Thomas of Woodland. This makes a total of 140 members now in attendance.

The Secretary of State is in receipt this morning of a telegram, as follows:

"Springvale, Maine, Nov. 6, 1934
Robinson C. Tobey
Secretary of State
Augusta, Maine.

Please excuse Arthur Carignan due to continued illness.

(Signed) W. Carignan."

As I understand, the gentleman, from Biddeford, Mr. Duquette, moves that the Clerk telegraph to Mr. Carignan, expressing the sympathy of the House at his illness and a hope for his speedy recovery. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Deering of Hollis presented the following resolution, out of order, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Maine have been deeply moved by the death of a highly regarded fellow member, the gentleman from Berwick, Harold S. Clement;

AND WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives sense a personal loss in the passing of a distinguished son of Maine whose services to his State had ever been honorable;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Maine mourns the decease of Harold S. Clement of Berwick, whose death in the prime of life deprived her of a valuable public servant, and the members of the House of Representatives mourn the departure of a beloved companion and helpful fellow worker;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of the

House, and that the Clerk transmit a copy to the bereaved family of the late gentleman from Berwick.

A viva voce vote being taken, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Allison of Biddeford presented the following resolution, out of order, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Maine have been deeply moved by the untimely death of a highly regarded fellow member, the gentleman from Saco, Elgen B. Berwick;

AND WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives sense a personal loss in the passing of a distinguished son of Maine whose service to his State had ever been honorable;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Maine mourns the decease of Elgen B. Berwick of Saco, whose untimely death deprived her of a valuable public servant, and the members of the House of Representatives mourn the departure of a beloved companion and helpful fellow worker;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of the House, and that the Clerk transmit a copy to the bereaved family of the late gentleman from Saco.

A viva voce vote being taken, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Williams of Dover-Foxcroft presented the following resolution, out of order, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Maine have been deeply moved by the untimely death of a highly regarded fellow member, the gentleman from Brownville, Erwin G. Ryder;

AND WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives sense a personal loss in the passing of a distinguished son of Maine whose services to his State had ever been honorable;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Maine mourns the decease of Erwin G. Ryder of Brownville, whose untimely death deprived her of a valuable public servant, and the members of the House of Representatives mourn the departure of

a beloved companion and helpful fellow worker;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of the House, and that the Clerk transmit a copy to the bereaved family of the late gentleman from Brownville.

A viva voce vote being taken, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Scates of Westbrook presented the following resolution, out of order, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of Maine have been deeply moved by the death of a highly regarded fellow member, the gentleman from Cumberland Mills, King S. Raymond;

AND WHEREAS the members of the House of Representatives sense a personal loss in the passing of a distinguished son of Maine whose services to his State had ever been honorable;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Maine mourns the decease of King S. Raymond of Cumberland Mills, whose untimely death deprived her of a valuable public servant, and the members of the House of Representatives mourn the departure of a beloved companion and helpful fellow worker;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of the House, and that the Clerk transmit a copy to the bereaved family of the late gentleman from Cumberland Mills.

A viva voce vote being taken, the resolution was adopted.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Friday, November 9th, at 10:30 in the forenoon.

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

ORDERS

Mr. Lebel of Brunswick presented the following order, and further moved that after the order was read, it be tabled for the time being:

On motion of Mr. **LEBEL** of Brunswick, the following Order:

WHEREAS, it appears from news reports that conditions at the State Prison at Thomaston have not been up to proper standards, and

WHEREAS, it appears that lax guarding and supervising conditions have permitted convicts to escape in the last two years, and

WHEREAS, the recent investigation of the Governor and Council has brought out the allegation that the provisions of section 327 of chapter 1 of the Public Laws of 1933 have not been administered as intended by the Legislature at the time of passage, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Legislature to provide proper statutes and adequate appropriations to maintain such a state penal institution as will insure enforcement of law and order and promote public peace and safety, be it now

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that:

A commission composed of three members from the House, appointed by the Speaker thereof and two members from the Senate, appointed by the President thereof be appointed for the purpose of investigating current conditions at the State Prison at Thomaston.

The commission shall take into consideration specifically the housing and disciplinary conditions, the industrial activities provided at the prison for the employment of the inmates, methods of guarding prison exits and any other particulars it may deem proper to look into with the view of improving the efficiency of the prison and promoting public safety outside.

The commission shall make specific recommendations for such improvements of housing facilities, further development of industrial activities for the inmates and revision of the guarding system used as will best promote humane conditions at the institution and insure public safety outside, and shall draw up any additional legislation which might appear necessary to assure the proper enforcement of the provisions of chapter 1 of the Public Laws of 1933.

The Warden of the Prison and all officials in the state in charge of the Institution are hereby directed to furnish the commission any and all data and information pertaining to the prison and its management at their disposal and to cooperate with the commission

at all times during the period of inquiry.

The commission shall start its investigation as early as possible after the adjournment of this session and shall prepare and submit to the 87th Legislature its report of findings and recommendations not later than the second week in January 1935.

The State Treasurer and State Comptroller are hereby directed to pay all necessary expenses of the commission, including the time of the members actually spend in conducting the investigation and compiling its report at a per diem to be fixed by the Governor and Council, out of the Legislative Expense account. (H. P. No. 10)

Was read, and on motion of same

gentleman, was tabled pending passage and Friday, November 9th assigned, and 500 copies were ordered printed.

The **SPEAKER**: Pending receipt of possible papers from the Senate, the House may be at ease, to reassemble at the sound of the gong.

AFTER RECESS

The **SPEAKER**: Is there any other business to come before this body this morning before we adjourn until Friday, according to the Joint Order? If not the Chair understands that the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Stern, moves that the House adjourn until 10:30 next Friday morning.

The motion prevailed and the House adjourned.