

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

# Ninetieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE



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**SENATE**

Thursday, January 23, 1941.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend W. W. Fowle of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Orders**

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 28, 1941, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 132)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

**Joint Order**

(Out of Order)

Mr. Friend of Somerset presented the following order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the State Highway Commission be authorized to expend not to exceed eight thousand dollars from the General Highway Fund for completing the traffic flow maps undertaken by the statewide highway planning survey and for the compilation of data collected by the planning survey necessary to establish a secondary federal aid highway system in accordance with the requirements of the United States Public Roads administration.

Mr. FRIEND: Mr. President, I believe that this order appropriating eight thousand dollars from the General Highway Fund requires a brief explanation.

In the summer of 1937 the Highway Planning Survey started and continued until the summer of 1939, last summer, when it was discontinued because of lack of funds. In that two year period vast amounts of figures and material were gathered together but the funds for doing this work ran out at just the wrong time. These facts and materials gathered have never been organized together and compiled into

usable form. This eight thousand dollars in this order would make it possible to use at least some of these facts and figures and compile them and organize them together into a form that could be used. This work would be completed before the adjournment of this legislature and therefore would be of use to the legislature, and would be completed in time for the Highway Department to use in an intelligent manner in determining its secondary federal highway program, its state highway program and its maintenance program for the summer this year.

That is the reason for presenting the order so that the work can begin tomorrow. If this work went through the ordinary channels of the highway law the money would not be available and therefore the work would not start until at least April 15 or May 1. Therefore the result of the work would not be available or advantageous either to the legislature or to the Highway Department this year. The Federal Bureau of Public Roads is very anxious that this appropriation be made, the Highway Department is strongly in favor of it and our Governor believes that it is absolutely essential because it will help the Highway Department very materially in arriving at the determination of a proper secondary and state highway construction program and maintenance program for the coming year.

I would consider the passage of this order very wise and good business on the part of the state of Maine and, Mr. President and members of the Senate, I urge its passage.

The order received a passage.  
Sent down for concurrence.

From the House:

**Joint Order**

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the department of audit report forthwith to the 90th legislature the cost of administering the provisions of chapter 216 of the public laws of 1937. (H. P. 383)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

The following bills and resolves were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference

of Bills were referred to the following committees:

#### Agriculture

Mr. Brown of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Repealing the Potato Branding Law." (S. P. 108)  
(1000 copies ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Claims

Mr. Emery of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of Herbert Smith." (S. P. 109)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Orland for support of a State Pauper." (S. P. 110)

Mr. Chase of Washington presented "Resolve in Favor of Bion M. Rhoades, of Topsfield." (S. P. 111)  
(500 copies ordered printed.)

Mr. Snow of Piscataquis presented "Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Dover-Foxcroft for Expenses of a State Pauper." (S. P. 112)  
(500 copies ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Education

Mr. Batchelder of York presented "Resolve in Favor of Berwick Academy." (S. P. 113)

Mr. Farris of Kennebec presented "Resolve in Favor of Coburn Classical Institute." (S. P. 133)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Chase of Washington presented "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Sysladobsis Stream." (S. P. 114)

Mr. Boothby of York presented Bill "An Act Prohibiting Trapping in Certain Territory." (S. P. 115)  
(500 copies ordered printed.)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relative to Closed Season on Partridge in Cumberland and York Counties." (S. P. 116)  
(500 copies ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Mr. Dow of Oxford presented Bill "An Act Relating to Petitions for Discontinuance of Highways." (S. P. 117)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Absentee Ballots." (S. P. 118)  
(500 copies of each ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to Investment of Trust Funds of the University of Maine." (S. P. 119)  
(500 copies ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Motor Vehicles

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Making Uniform Registration Standards of Weight and Length of Trucks in the Northeastern States." (S. P. 120)  
(500 copies ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Mr. Friend of Somerset presented "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for George Chase of Solon." (S. P. 121)

Mr. Findlen of Aroostook presented "Resolve Granting a Pension to Eva Mae McShea." (S. P. 122)

Mr. Bate of Kennebec presented "Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Ethelyn Stewart of Clinton." (S. P. 123)

Mr. Dow of Oxford presented "Resolve in Favor of Clarence Thomas of Rumford Point." (S. P. 124)

Mr. Stilphen of Lincoln presented "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Beatrice E. Morawetz of Dresden." (S. P. 125)

Mr. Friend of Somerset presented "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Elmer A. Trask of Cornville." (S. P. 135)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Towns

Mr. Chase of Washington presented Bill "An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Town of Brookton of Its Organization." (S. P. 126)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Topsfield Plantation of Its Organization." (S. P. 127)  
(500 copies of each ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ways and Bridges

Mr. Dow of Franklin presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Chesterville." (S. P. 128)

Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bowdoinham." (S. P. 129)

Mr. Boothby of York presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Berwick." (S. P. 130)

Mr. Brown of Aroostook presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Limestone." (S. P. 131)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, that five hundred additional copies be printed of the Final Report of the Committee on Administrative Code, created by Resolve L. D. 1226 of the 89th Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Piscataquis, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Personnel Director shall file immediately with the Secretary of the Senate a list of names and legal residences, at the time of employment, of all persons appointed to and promoted in the classified service during the calendar years of 1939 and 1940. (S. P. 136)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Committee Reports**

Miss Laughlin of Cumberland submitted Report of Recess Committee on Wage and Hour Legislation. (S. P. 137)

Which was read and accepted and 500 copies ordered printed.

Sent to the House.

A Report to the 90th Legislature by the Recess Committee on Motor Vehicle Legislation, (S. P. 138) was received.

Which was read and accepted and 500 copies ordered printed.

Sent to the House.

**Order**

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to his Excellency, the Governor, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as pleases him.

The Secretary delivered the message and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned to him.

Subsequently a message was received from the House by Mr. Pease, its Clerk, concurring in the proposition for a joint convention for the purpose of extending an invitation to his Excellency, the Governor to attend the Convention and make such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Senate retired to the Hall of the House of Representatives where a Joint Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention see House Report)

**In the Senate**

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset

Adjourned until Tuesday next at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.