

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**  
of the  
**Ninety-first Legislature**

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**Second Special Session**

**September 18, 1944**

**SENATE**

Monday, September 18, 1944.

In compliance with a Proclamation of His Excellency, the Governor Sumner Sewall, the Senators convened in the Senate Chamber at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Wesley U. Reidel of Augusta.

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the Proclamation:

**STATE OF MAINE**

**Proclamation by the Governor**

WHEREAS, provision was made under Chapter 140 of the Resolves of 1941 and under Chapter 38 of the Resolves of 1943 for a revision of the public laws of the state: and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given that this work will shortly be ready for submission to the legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the legislature to pass on and enact the current general revision of the statutes at least 90 days prior to the next regular session of the 92nd Legislature is to function on the basis of these revised laws; and

WHEREAS, it would appear advisable for the present legislature to consider action at this time on certain specific postwar projects in order that construction may be started next spring if war developments permit:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUMNER SEWALL, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol at Augusta on Monday, the eighteenth day of September, 1944, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, in order to receive such communication as may then be made to them, and to consider and determine on such measures as in their judgment

will best promote the welfare of the State.

(Seal)

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this first day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,  
Governor

By the Governor

Harold I. Goss

A true copy. Attest: Harold I. Goss,  
Secretary of State.

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

The roll being called, the following Senators responded to their names:

Batchelder, Bishop, Boucher, Brown, Buck, Clement, Dorr, Dow, Dunbar, Elliot, Emery, Farris, Friend, Good, Hall, Hanold, Harvey, Hildreth, Hodgkins, McGlauffin, Megill, Owen, Peakes, Peters, Sanborn, Sterling, Townsend, Varney, Washburn, Woodbury, Worthen.

Thirty-one Senators answering to the roll-call the Secretary declared that a quorum was present.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Dow of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the House of Representatives informing that body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

The Secretary conveyed the message

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to His Excellency, the Governor, informing him that in obedience to his Proclamation a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

The President appointed: Senators: Sanborn of Cumberland, Varney of York, to convey the message

The Committee retired, and subsequently reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

Subsequently a message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pease, its Clerk, informing the Senate that a quorum of the Representatives is present for the consideration of such business as may come before that body.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner to officiate as chaplains of the Senate during this special session.

On motion by Mr. Harvey of York, it was

ORDERED, that Charles P. Lyford of Augusta be appointed official Reporter of the Senate for this special session.

On motion by Mr. Good of Aroostook, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to procure the services of three stenographers for this special session; one for the office of the President, and two for the office of the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Emery of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred and fifty copies of the Legislative Record for this Special Session of 1944, convened on September 18th, be printed and bound, one copy each for the members and officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library purposes; and be it further

ORDERED, that three hundred and fifty copies of the Legislative Record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to members of the Legislature and the departments, under the direction of the Document Clerk. (S. P. 517)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Townsend of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, that the Senate Reporter be authorized to employ an assistant reporter during this Special Session.

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House be directed to furnish to each member and officer of the Senate and House a copy of the State newspaper each morning during the present special session of the Legislature. (S. P. 513)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Megill of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending an invitation to the Governor to attend the Convention and present such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Pease, its Clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition for a Joint Convention.

The Senate then proceeded to the House of Representatives where a 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, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that one thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed. (S. P. 514)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Buildings is hereby given charge of all assignments of rooms for hearings in the Capitol Building, and that all applications for rooms for hearings must be made to him in writing. (S. P. 515)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, today, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday morning, September 19th 1944, at nine-thirty o'clock. (S. P. 516)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine-thirty o'clock.