

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSE

Friday, March 9, 1945.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Poole of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Interest on Deposits in Banks" (S. P. 87) (L. D. 130)

Came from the Senate read and adopted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Powers of the Police Department of the city of Lewiston" (S. P. 252) (L. D. 632)

Came from the Senate the Report read and adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

### Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Adoption of Persons Twenty-one Years of Age or Over (H. P. 1283) (L. D. 910) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 1st and passed to be engrossed February 21st.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action taken on March 1st whereby this Bill was passed to be enacted; and on further motion by the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its

action taken on February 21st whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Senate Amendment "A" to H. P. 1283, L. D. 910, Bill "An Act Relating to Adoption of Persons 21 years of Age or Over."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the figures and words after the word "Persons" in the title thereof.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House reconsidered its action of yesterday whereby An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Van Buren (H. P. 529) (L. D. 210) was passed to be enacted; and under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its former action of March 7th whereby it was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Ward then offered House Amendment "A" which was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 529, L. D. 210, Bill, "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Van Buren."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Sec. 19 thereof and inserting in place the following:

**'Sec. 19. Ratification.** This act shall not become operative until it is ratified by the legally qualified voters of said town of Van Buren voting at a town meeting, pursuant to an appropriate article inserted in the warrant for such meeting. Such vote shall be by ballot and this act, when so ratified, shall become operative immediately if the vote is taken at a regular town meeting, otherwise, at the time of the next regular town meeting.'

Further amend said bill by striking out from the fifth line of the Emergency Clause the word "special".

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence; and on further motion by Mr. Ward, the Bill was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

**Messages and Documents**

The following Communication:

**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-second Legislature:

I have the honor to herewith transmit a copy of the estimate of expenses of Washington County for the years 1945 and 1946, the same having been filed in this office according to the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes of 1944.

(Signed) **HAROLD I. GOSS**  
Secretary of State

March 8, 1945.

The Communication was read, and on motion by Miss Deering of Bath, with accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature: On the desks this morning of every member of the Legislature, and on the desks of the officers of the House, you will see a ten-pound bag of potatoes. These potatoes were grown in Aroostook County and were put up for us by the Maine Potato Growers. These potatoes are table stock, and I suggest you do not plant them in your gardens—not that they would not grow, but table stock means exactly what it says—to eat. I hope that you will enjoy them. (Applause)

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

**ORDERED**, that Mr. Jones of Waterville, and Mr. Payson of Portland, be excused from attendance today.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Waterville, it was

**ORDERED**, that the Clerk of the House convey to Representative Jones of Waterville, who is now recovering from an accident at the Sisters' Hospital in Waterville, the deep regrets of the members of the House of Representatives at his illness and their hopes that he may have a speedy recovery.

**AND BE IT FURTHER OR-**

**DERED**, that the Clerk of the House send to Representative Jones at the hospital a bouquet of flowers together with a certified copy of this Order.

On motion by Mr. Palmeter of Charlotte, it was

**ORDERED**, that the Clerk of the House convey to Representative Springer of Danforth, who is now recovering from his illness at his home, the deep regrets of the members of the House of Representatives at his illness and their hopes that he may have a speedy recovery.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Clerk of the House send to Representative Springer at his home a bouquet of flowers together with a certified copy of this Order.

**House Reports of Committees****Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Mrs. Lord from the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Relieving Towns from Care of Neglected and Dependent Children" (H. P. 449) (L. D. 174) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1332) under title of "An Act Relieving Towns from Care of Neglected Children" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Thorndike from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Licensing Boarding Homes for Children" (H. P. 361) (L. D. 126) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1333) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under Joint Rules.

**Ought to Pass****Printed Bills****Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine (H. P. 409) (L. D. 183)

(On motion by Mr. Haskell of Bangor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 14th)

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to Pass" on Bill "An Act relating to State Trust Funds" (H. P. 407) (L. D. 162)

Mr. Ela from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 617) (L. D. 283)

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Resolve relating to Fishing in Mosquito Brook in Aroostook County (H. P. 691) (L. D. 309)

Mr. Connellan from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Permitting Employees of Water Districts and other Quasi-Municipal Corporations to become Members of the State Employees' Retirement System" (H. P. 1140) (L. D. 683)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to State Police Retirement System" (H. P. 947) (L. D. 575)

Mr. Elliott from the Committee on Welfare reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Education of Blind Children" (H. P. 358) (L. D. 123)

Mr. Hawes from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Certain Obligations of the Recipients of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind under Certain Conditions" (H. P. 359) (L. D. 124)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills and Resolve, having already been printed, under suspension of the rules, the Bills were read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

#### Ought to Pass

##### with Committee Amendment

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Regulating the Use of Automatic Firearms" (H. P. 687) (L. D. 305) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 687, L. D. 305, Bill "An Act Regulating the Use of Automatic Firearms".

Amend said Bill by striking out

from the Title thereof the following word:

"Automatic"

And by inserting in place thereof the following words:

'Certain Kinds of'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to the Presque Isle Municipal Court" (H. P. 1330) (L. D. 978)

Bill "An Act relating to the Caribou Municipal Court" (H. P. 1331) (L. D. 979)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: At this time the House will take a ten minute recess. The Chair is expecting a paper back from the Senate, which contains an emergency enactor, so the Chair will ask the members to please remain in their seats for that purpose.

#### After Recess—10:40 A. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Authorizing Savings Banks, Loan and Building Associations and Trust Companies to Make Mortgage Loans Under the Service-men's Readjustment Act of 1944" (S. P. 47) (L. D. 11)

Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Certificates of Incorporation" (S. P. 138) (L. D. 343)

Bill "An Act relating to Reenactment of Law Dealing with Unexpended Appropriations" S. P. 190) (L. D. 491)

Bill "An Act relating to Admission to Practice Law" (S. P. 201) (L. D. 483)

Bill "An Act relating to the Regulation of Loans in Trust Companies" (H. P. 201) (L. D. 89)

Bill "An Act relating to Cash Reserve in Trust and Banking Companies" (H. P. 202) (L. D. 88)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the city of Waterville" (H. P. 1329) (L. D. 976)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**Amended Bills**

Bill "An Act to Promote Proper Recording and Education Concerning Vital Statistics" (S. P. 117) (L. D. 226)

Bill "An Act to Regulate Trust Investments" (H. P. 183) (L. D. 63)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

**Passed to be Enacted****Emergency Measure**

An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Van Buren (H. P. 529) (L. D. 210)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 103 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Orders of the Day**

From the Senate: The following Order, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 13th, 1945,

at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 380)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Lord of Camden, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was:

**ORDERED**, that there be printed two hundred and fifty additional copies of the following Public Bill:

Bill "An Act to Permit Establishment of Area Secondary Schools" (H. P. 938) (L. D. 541)

Mr. True of Rangeley was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. TRUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I cannot accept those beautiful Aroostook "blue-eyed" potatoes without telling Mr. Brewer that, if it were not for the restrictions that we all have now the Franklin County Delegation would furnish the gravy for the potatoes. (Laughter and applause)

The SPEAKER: If there is no further business, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Casco, Adjourned until Tuesday, March 13th, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.