

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Monday, March 26, 1945.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Johnston of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**  
**Senate Reports of Committees**  
**Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act to Establish a Banking Board, and Define its Powers and Duties" (S. P. 86) (L. D. 129) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and adopted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to School Age and Kindergartens" (S. P. 240) (L. D. 644) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 388) (L. D. 996) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill was read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of J. R. Collins of South Portland, Maine (S. P. 132) (L. D. 337)

Came from the Senate, the Report read and accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence, the Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned.

**Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Education reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing Authority to the Board of Trustees of the Maine

Maritime Academy to Confer the Degree of Bachelor of Science" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 339)

(On motion by Mr. Sweetser of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report in concurrence, and specially assigned for Thursday, March 29th).

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relative to Open Season on Woodcock" (S. P. 136) (L. D. 341)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve relating to Fishing in Goose Pond in Hancock County (S. P. 313) (L. D. 837)

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Treasurer of Kennebec County" (S. P. 95) (L. D. 137)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Knox" (S. P. 156) (L. D. 360)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the Judge of the Lewiston Municipal Court" (S. P. 163) (L. D. 366)

Report on same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Rockland Municipal Court" (S. P. 167) (L. D. 370)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Recorder of Rockland Municipal Court" (S. P. 218) (L. D. 466)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the County Commissioners of Knox County" (S. P. 349) (L. D. 900)

Report of the Committee on Temperance reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Consumption Sale of Liquor" (S. P. 297) (L. D. 714)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 296) (L. D. 715)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses to Hotels, Restaurants and Clubs" (S. P. 295) (L. D. 716)

Came from the Senate the Reports read and accepted and the Bills and Resolves passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice, the Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

**Non-concurrent Matter  
Tabled and Assigned**

Joint Order relative to Register of Bills with final disposition at time of adjournment (H. P. 1310) which was passed in the House on February 23rd.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Webber of Mapleton, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Thursday, March 29th)

Mr. Dutton of Bingham was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker, upon the land which the State acquires for taxes and which we sell to individuals, the State Tax Assessor has been unable to assess any taxes for two years. Under the law as it now stands, as I am informed, the State of Maine has lost a great deal of money by reason of inability to assess these taxes. The measure which I am introducing will give the Tax Assessor the right to assess State, County and Forestry District taxes upon this land.

Mr. Speaker, with that explanation, I ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, asks unanimous consent to introduce a bill. Is there objection? The Chair hears no objection and the bill is received. The Clerk will read the bill by title only.

Bill "An Act Relating to Supplementary Assessments of State, County and Forestry District Taxes." (H. P. 1376)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, and would say that the Chair understands that the gentleman's suggestion is that this bill be referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation. Does the gentleman not think it would be proper to refer this bill to the Committee on Taxation?

Mr. DUTTON: That is all right, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, moves that this bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation and sent up for concurrence.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Skowhegan, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Earl Hubbard of Skowhegan, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 28th.

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Boutin of Lewiston, and Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, be excused from attendance this week because of business.

On motion by Miss Deering of Bath, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking. (Applause)

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

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve for Repairing Fish Screen at Outlet of Messalonskee Lake (H. P. 419) (L. D. 188) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1366) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Tax on Street Railroad Corporations and Street Railways" (H. P. 1010) (L. D. 652) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1367) 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**

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to State Land in Augusta as a Public Park" (H. P. 669) (L. D. 320)

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been print-

ed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

**First Reading of Printed Bills  
Tabled**

Bill "An Act Designating Certain Academies as High Schools" (H. P. 1361) (L. D. 1019)

(Bill was read twice, and on motion by Mr. Vickery of Pittsfield, tabled pending assigned for third reading)

Bill "An Act Creating the Caribou Utilities District" (H. P. 1362) (L. D. 1020)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of Kingman Water Power Company" (H. P. 1363) (L. D. 1021)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act relating to Diverting Water by Canals for Mills" (S. P. 387) (L. D. 988)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Aroostook County" (H. P. 675) (L. D. 323)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of County Attorney and Register of Deeds, Southern District, Aroostook County" (H. P. 676) (L. D. 324)

Bill "An Act relating to Veterinary Surgery" (H. P. 916) (L. D. 524)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of County Treasurer of Penobscot County" (H. P. 992) (L. D. 592)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Franklin Municipal Court" (H. P. 1091) (L. D. 778)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of Various Officers of Franklin County" (H. P. 1092) (L. D. 779)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Truck Tractor and Semi-Trailer" (H. P. 1204) (L. D. 705)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1208) (L. D. 709)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefit Eligibility Conditions" (H. P. 1237) (L. D. 863)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Claims for Benefits" (H. P. 1244) (L. D. 869)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Appeals" (H. P. 1245) (L. D. 870)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Appeal to Courts" (H. P. 1246) (L. D. 871)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Collection of Contributions" (H. P. 1254) (L. D. 879)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of Certain Oxford County Officials" (H. P. 1263) (L. D. 886)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Oxford County" (H. P. 1278) (L. D. 921)

Bill "An Act relating to the Bragdon Wild Life Sanctuary and the Wells and Kennebunk Game Preserve" (H. P. 1353) (L. D. 1004)

Bill "An Act relative to Use of Live Decoys and Blinds" (H. P. 1354) (L. D. 1005)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1356) (L. D. 1006)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Treasurer of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1357) (L. D. 1008)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1358) (L. D. 1007)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Jurors" (H. P. 1359) (L. D. 1009)

Resolve in favor of Irving Crockett, of Durham (H. P. 630) (L. D. 1011)

Resolve in favor of Cornelius E. Conley, of Lewiston (H. P. 1054) (L. D. 659)

Resolve in favor of Cora Porter of Mapleton (H. P. 1287) (L. D. 1010)

Resolve in favor of Harold Harvey and Henry Marsh of Corinth (H. P. 1351) (L. D. 1012)

Resolve Appropriating Money to Repair Fish Way at Aroostook Falls (H. P. 1352) (L. D. 1013)

Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at Foot of Echo Lake in the town of Fayette (H. P. 1355) (L. D. 1014)

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

**Amended Bills**

Bill "An Act relating to the Registration of Nurses" (S. P. 80) (L. D. 74)

Bill "An Act Imposing a Tax of One and One-quarter Mills per Pound on Blueberries for Conduct-

ing Research and Extension Work and Otherwise Improving the Blueberry Industry of the State" (H. P. 304) (L. D. 112)

Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of a Receipt for Payment of Poll-Taxes" (H. P. 1142) (L. D. 791)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Law as to Reciprocal Benefit Arrangements" (H. P. 1248) (L. D. 873)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Unemployment Compensation Fund" (H. P. 1253) (L. D. 878)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to John Sharpe, of Argyle, (H. P. 443) (L. D. 195)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Grant Right-of-Way to Construct an Access Road Across the Public Lots in Township D, Range 2 (H. P. 857) (L. D. 457)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Argyle Grange Hall in Penobscot County to Alton Grange No. 411 (H. P. 858) (L. D. 458)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to Herbert R. Dow, of Argyle, (H. P. 859) (L. D. 516)

Bill "An Act relating to the Sale of Liquor to Minors (H. P. 1013) (L. D. 653)

Resolve for Location of Lookout Station on Picked Mountain in the town of Clifton, Penobscot County (H. P. 1098) (L. D. 785)

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

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

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

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.