

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1945

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SENATE

January 10, 1945.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

From the House:

Joint Order, relative to Creation on Welfare. (S. P. 26)

(In the Senate, on January 4, read and passed)

Comes from the House, passed, as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, that Body voted to recede from its former action taken on January 4; House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Order as amended by House Amendment A was passed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the following Bills and Resolve which were referred to this Legislature by the 91st Legislature, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference the bills and resolve were referred to the following committees:

Education

Bill "An Act Relating to School Union." (S. P. 29)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

"Resolve Proposing a Constitutional Amendment Changing the Times of Meetings of the Legislature." (S. P. 30)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Withholding of the Federal Income Tax." (S. P. 31)

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Creating a State Fire Marshal." (S. P. 32)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes." (S. P. 33)

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Bill "An Act Revising the Fire Prevention Laws." (S. P. 35)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Assessment of Taxes on Real Estate." (S. P. 36)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Assessment of Taxes." (S. P. 37)

Bill "An Act to Establish a South Portland Park and Recreation Commission." (S. P. 38)
Sent down for concurrence.

Military Affairs

Bill "An Act to Aid Returning Veterans." (S. P. 39)
Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Dunbar of Washington presented Bill "An Act to Dissolve the Portland and Ogdensburg Railway." (S. P. 40)

(500 copies ordered printed)
Sent down for concurrence.

Order

On motion by Miss Clough of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and House as advances on account of compensation established by statute, the amount of eighty-five (\$85.00) dollars, fortnightly, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House respectively; and that the final pay rolls bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. (S. P. 41)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland
Recessed for fifteen minutes.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Communication

(Out of order and under suspension of the rules)

STATE OF MAINE
Office of the Governor
Augusta

January 19, 1945.

The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Speaker of the House
Ninety-second Legislature
Dear Sirs:

I deem it a pleasure to transmit herewith a letter from the Honor-

able Percival P. Baxter of Portland in which he offers 35,554 acres of land in the Katahdin Baxter State Park area for public purposes.

This generous gift, if accepted by the 92nd Legislature, would increase the area of the Baxter State Park, which includes Mount Katahdin, to 116,288 acres. Mr. Baxter further advises me that eventually he hopes to make the total acreage 150,000.

Mr. Baxter's offer commands the deepest appreciation of every citizen of Maine, for he is making available to us and our children and the thousands of tourists who visit Maine each year one of the most magnificent natural recreational areas in the United States.

I solicit your most serious consideration and urge the acceptance of this gift as being in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE HILDRETH

(S. P. 42)

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Sent to the House.

Communication was received from the Honorable Percival P. Baxter concerning gift of 35,554 acres to the State of Maine. (S. P. 43)

Which communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Sent to the House.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter the conveyance and Deed of Gift of 35,554 acres of land in Townships

3 Range 9

3 Range 10

4 Range 10, W.E.L.S. Piscataquis County."

(S. P. 44)

Which bill was accepted and under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee, was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that in order that the Records of the Gift by Percival Proctor Baxter to the State of Maine as Trustees in Trust of thirty-five thousand five hundred fifty-four (35,554) acres in townships three range nine, three range ten and four range ten W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County (Baxter State Park) be complete and in enduring form, the communication dated January ninth, 1945 addressed by said Baxter to Honorable Horace A. Hildreth, Governor, and to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the 92nd Legislature together with the message of Governor Hildreth transmitting the said communication to the Legislature be printed in the Laws of Maine for 1945 (S. P. 45)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Hall of Franklin

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.