

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SENATE

Friday, April 13, 1945.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The PRESIDENT: Prayer will be offered by the Reverend T. Porter Drumm of Augusta.

REVEREND T. PORTER DRUMM: Almighty and everlasting God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, the strength and inspiration of all who labor, suffer and achieve and the repose of our holy and blessed dead; we thank Thee this morning for all who faithfully and bravely lived, peacefully passed on and now inherit the promises; those who have passed from the church militant here on earth to the church triumphant in glory; and have taken their place in the white robed throng of whom it was said and is said, "Those are they that came out of great tribulation, washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

We are a bewildered and bereaved people today. In the presence of this mystery we call death, political differences disappear and the voice of party bickering dies away in the silence.

We think with gratitude of the life and work of a gallant soul. We think of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's struggle with a bodily infirmity, an infirmity which would have condemned a lesser man to a life of inaction, but that indomitable spirit kept on, and oh, what inspiration that life has been and will be to all succeeding generations. We think of his lofty idealism, of his wish to serve and help the under-privileged, of his yearning affection for the common people and little children. We thank Thee that in his heart there was the grand idea of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. All his life he was a crusader and we do not think of him as dead and gone for no mere incident like bodily death will hinder the progress of that indomitable spirit on-

ward and upward forever. We thank God for him and we pray for the people he loved.

In these days of crisis may we be wisely led. May Thy servant, the new President, seek first Thy kingdom and his righteousness. May he be a learner in the school of the holy spirit.

Deliver us from fear and despondency concerning the future. Abraham Lincoln died but the republic lived. Woodrow Wilson died but America went on. Franklin Delano Roosevelt has left us for higher spheres of service. Thou dost bury the workman but Thou dost carry on the work.

Fortify us now with a spirit of freedom, we beseech Thee. We are the government of the United States. We, the people, are the government of the United States. Grant that we may rally around our leaders and give them the support they so sorely need.

Bless those young people to whom Thy servant was simply "Father"; the woman to whom he was "husband". Today they are mourning like countless thousands of people in this sad world of ours. We commend them to Thy fatherly compassion and pity.

God bless and guide America. Thy servant has crossed the bar. He has met the Pilot face to face, and on his ear has fallen that gracious word, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now into the joy of thy Lord."

Amen.

The PRESIDENT: Realizing that human words could not express the feelings of the members of this Senate, therefore, in humble submission to the decree of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, the Senate will stand in silent prayer.

(A moment of silent prayer was observed by the Senate.)

The PRESIDENT: In further demonstration of our respect for our late President and Commander in Chief, by unanimous motion and unanimous vote, until next Monday afternoon at four o'clock, the Maine State Senate stands adjourned.