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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Third Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1947

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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 1, 1947.

In convention of the members-elect of the Ninety-third Legislature.

This day being the day designated by the Constitution of the State for the meeting of the Ninety-third Legislature, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives at ten o'clock A. M. and were called to order by Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the House of 1945.

Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Mr. Riedel of Augusta.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the Representatives-elect of the Ninety-third Legislature, which was read by Mr. Pease.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the communication was ordered placed on file.

A certified roll of Representatives-elect was then called by the Clerk of the Ninety-second Legislature. The elected membership of the House being 151, 142 members-elect having answered to their names, a quorum was found to be present.

Those who were absent were: Messrs. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield, Burgess of Limestone, Violette of Van Buren, Anderson of New Sweden, Cousins of Fort Kent, Martin of Eagle Lake, Pratt of Windham, Payson of Union, and Lackee of Addison.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, that gentleman and Messrs. House of Lincoln, Sweetser of Cumberland, Fuller of Buckfield, Kent of Randolph, Turner of Leeds, and Jalbert of Lewiston, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-elect had assembled in the Representatives' Hall and request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Mills subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Representatives-elect for the pur-

pose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution. The report of the committee was accepted.

Thereupon, the Governor, attended by his Council, and escorted by the Honorable Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State, entered the Hall amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Governor Hildreth then addressed the House as follows:

GOVERNOR HILDRETH: Members of the Ninety-third Legislature: Tomorrow I shall have occasion to address you somewhat formally on the problems that will face us during this session. Today my duty is simply to administer your oaths of office. May I, however, take advantage of this opportunity today to wish you all a happy New Year and to welcome you to Augusta and to our Capitol. (Applause)

The Governor then administered to the members-elect, and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

The Governor and suite then retired.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, that gentleman and Messrs. Atherton of Bangor, Bell of Thomaston, Stearns of Hiram, Snow of Auburn, Woodworth of Fairfield, and Corson of Hodgdon, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Bowker, for the committee, reported that the committee had attended to its duty and that the whole number of votes cast was 142; necessary for a choice, 72. John F. Ward, of Millinocket, had 124. Louis Jalbert of Lewiston, had 18.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Jalbert, Hon. John F. Ward was declared unanimously elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature.

Speaker Ward was then escorted to the rostrum by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, where he assumed the Chair, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Speaker WARD: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Ninety-third Legislature: Mere words are inadequate to express my gratitude to you this morning for the high honor you have conferred upon me and for

the confidence you have reposed in me.

In accepting this office, I am not unmindful of the grave responsibilities which accompany it, nor of the outstanding men who have preceded me in it.

Undoubtedly I shall make mistakes as we proceed with the session, and, when I do, I assure you now that they will be honest mistakes, because it will be my constant aim and high purpose to be the servant of this House and to preside over your deliberations with the utmost impartiality toward all at all times; and if, perchance, the members down front occasionally lose sight of the Speaker behind this rostrum, because of his height, he will endeavor to remind them of his presence by the sound of his voice.

We are opening the first regular session of this post-war era, and advance information indicates that it will not only be busy but also important to the citizens of Maine.

I suggest to you on this opening morning that many points of procedure will arise as we proceed with the session, and a large percentage of them may well be settled in advance by consultation between the parties involved and the Speaker. The Speaker's office will be open to you at all times for that purpose and for any other purpose which pertains to the business at hand.

By tradition, this being the first day of the New Year, it is a day of worthwhile resolutions. I feel confident, therefore, that one hundred and fifty-one individual resolutions have been made that we will each approach the problems which lie ahead fearlessly and with honesty and with courage, and that, by the application of a generous portion of good common sense, we will bring this first regular session of the Ninety-third Legislature to a successful conclusion. Again I thank you. The Chair awaits the pleasure of the House.

(Applause)

On motion of Mr. Lombard of Yarmouth, that gentleman and Messrs. Finnegan of Bangor, Meloon of Portland, Mrs. Hatch of Minot, Messrs. Hobbs of South Berwick, Laughton of Ripley, and Palmer of Nobleboro, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Clerk of the House.

On motion by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, it was voted that the

committee cast one ballot for Harvey R. Pease of Wiscasset, as Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature.

Thereupon, the chairman of the committee cast one ballot for Harvey R. Pease, of Wiscasset, as Clerk of the House and that gentleman was declared duly elected as Clerk of the House of the Ninety-third Legislature. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Ross of Brownville, that gentleman and Messrs. Dufour of St. Agatha, Payson of Union, Sharpe of Anson, Carville of Eustis, Fitch of Sebago, and Randall of North Berwick, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

On motion by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, it was voted that the committee cast one ballot for Roy S. Humphrey of Augusta, as Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature.

Thereupon, the chairman of the committee cast one ballot for Roy S. Humphrey of Augusta, as Assistant Clerk of the House, and that gentleman was declared duly elected as Assistant Clerk of the House of the Ninety-third Legislature. (Applause)

At this time a message was received from the Senate, through Senator Clough of Penobscot, informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of Honorable George B. Varney of York, as President, Chester T. Winslow as Secretary, and Waldo H. Clark as Assistant Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, that gentleman was appointed a committee of one to inform the Senate that the House had been duly organized by the election of Hon. John F. Ward of Millinocket, as Speaker, Harvey R. Pease of Wiscasset, as Clerk and Roy S. Humphrey of Augusta, as Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Mills subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Burton of Milo, that gentleman and Messrs. Robbins of Houlton, Sleeper of Rockland, Brown of Wayne, Legard of Bath, Bove of Naples, and Cadorette of

Biddeford, were appointed a committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House by the election of Hon. John F. Ward as Speaker, Harvey R. Pease as Clerk, and Roy S. Humphrey as Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Burton subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Rockland, that gentleman conducted the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Governor to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, and Mr. Bird subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk had taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Thereupon Harvey R. Pease, Clerk, and Roy S. Humphrey, Assistant Clerk, appeared and entered upon the discharge of their official duties.

Order

On motion by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, it was

ORDERED, that Frank H. Treworgy of East Surry, be Sergeant-at-Arms; J. Warren Butman of Readfield, and Alan C. Pease of Wiscasset, be Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms; James E. Harvey of Readfield, be Document Clerk; Elmer Abbott of Augusta, be Doorkeeper; and that Robert B. Adams of Wiscasset, be Page.

The following communication:
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF STATE

Augusta, Maine,
January 1, 1947.

To the Speaker of the House of
Representatives:

In compliance with the constitution and laws of the State of Maine, I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes cast for Representatives to the Legislature in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the general election held on September 9, A. D., 1946.

Respectfully,

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

Was read and referred to the Committee on Elections to be appointed.

A message was then received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 2 P. M. this afternoon for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the seven Executive Councilors.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to concur with the Senate in the proposition for a Joint Convention, and the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that body that the House concurred in the proposition for a Joint Convention.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth, it was

ORDERED, that Ruel C. Hanks of Augusta, be the Official Reporter of the House for the present session; and that he be authorized to procure the services of a typist and proof-reader during the present session of the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record.

On motion by Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill, it was

ORDERED, that the Bureau of Purchases be directed to furnish on requisition of the Clerk of the House, such stationery, office supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the House.

On motion by Mr. Thompson of Brewer, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to maintain in his office an alphabetical index of all matters before the Legislature, and a legislative docket showing all action taken on all matters before the Legislature; the necessary additional clerical assistance to be employed by the Clerk with the approval of the Speaker.

On motion by Mr. Peirce of Augusta, it was

ORDERED, that each member and officer of the House be furnished with one copy each of two daily newspapers published in the State, to be selected by them.

On motion by Mr. Seegar of Kittery, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member at the opening of each daily session.

On motion by Mr. Wight of Bangor, it was

ORDERED, that the State Librarian be authorized and directed to furnish the Clerk of the House with three copies of the Revised Statutes of 1944 and three copies of the Public Laws of 1945 for use in his office.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, it was

ORDERED, that the rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-second Legislature be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, I ask that by unanimous consent, the order of business as provided in the rules just adopted be dispensed with and that the House proceed under Orders of the Day.

The motion prevailed.

Orders of the Day

The following Orders were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

On motion by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, it was

ORDERED, that the Speaker be authorized to appoint a Secretary to the Speaker and that the Clerk be authorized to appoint a Secretary to the Clerk, a Legislative Docket Clerk, an Assistant Legislative Docket Clerk and a Journal Copy Clerk.

On motion by Mr. Meloon of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Morison of Wilton it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to secure uniforms for the subordinate officers of the House.

On motion of Mr. Lord of Camden, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to invite the Clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Carville of Eustis, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be and hereby is authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House of Representatives who was not a member of the Ninety-first or Ninety-second Legislature, with one copy of the Revised Statutes.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair will appoint the monitors, and, before appointing those monitors, will read the rules which relate to them.

"6. One monitor shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty shall be to see to the observance of the rules of the House, and on demand of the Speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division."

"7. If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the House, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the House."

The Chair will appoint as monitor of the first division, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Bowker; of the second division, the gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott; of the third division, the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Jennings; of the fourth division, the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper.

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

ORDERED, that the members of the House proceed with the drawing of seats; and that the usual monitors' seats be assigned to the monitors appointed by the Speaker; that a choice of seats be granted to Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders of the majority and minority parties; that a choice of seats be granted to the lady members of the House and other members with physical disabilities.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to call to the attention of the members of the House the fact that in addition to giving the Floor Leaders and the Assistant Floor Leaders a choice of seats, that any member who is under physical disabilities which seem to him to entitle him to a particular seat or location in the House, is entitled to come down front and select a seat which will best suit his needs. Now the members should not be bashful in that regard but should take advantage of that offer and come down and get a seat, or if it is hard for any member to move in several seats, and that member wishes to be on the end, because he cannot get by several other members, he may come down and select his seat. This is not an invitation for any members who are one hundred percent perfect to come down and select their seats, but if any members do have physical incapacities, they should avail themselves of this opportunity at this time.

Thereupon, the House proceeded with the drawing of seats.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time wishes to call to the attention of the members Rule 10, which reads as follows:

"The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session shall be his during the session, unless he shall have leave of the Speaker to change it, and no other person shall be permitted to occupy a member's seat at any time during a session of the House."

The Speaker grants permission to the members to trade seats from now until tomorrow noon. Now if a member has drawn a seat, and would like to swap with some other member, he may do so any time between now and tomorrow at twelve o'clock. After that time, the members will then sign the cards which will be distributed, and each member will then receive keys for their locker and for their desk. The members will sign their cards and present them to the document room, to receive their keys.

(Out of order)

The following communication:
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
STATE OF MAINE
AUGUSTA

January 1, 1947

Hon. Harvey R. Pease,
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
of the Ninety-third Legislature:

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Section 1 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, I herewith report that a vacancy exists in the representation from class towns of Harrison, Otisfield and Windham caused by the resignation of James R. Pratt of Windham under date of December 17, 1946, which letter of resignation is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS
Secretary of State.

Was read and ordered placed on file.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

The following communication:

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AUGUSTA

January 1, 1947

To the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature of the State of Maine:

In compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes cast for Governor in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the general election held on September 9, 1946. (S. P. 2)

Respectfully,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on gubernatorial Vote.

In the House, read and referred to the Committee on gubernatorial Vote in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for Governor, given in the several cities,

towns and plantations of the State for the political years 1947 and 1948 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join. (S. P. 4)

Came from the Senate read and passed and with the following members appointed on its part:

Miss CLOUGH of Penobscot
Messrs. WILLEY of Hancock
BLANCHARD of Aroostook
HOPKINS of Kennebec
GREELEY of Waldo
ELA of Somerset
BOUTIN of Androscoggin

In the House, was read and passed in concurrence and the Chair appointed the following members on the part of the House:

Mr. RUSSELL of Gorham
Miss LONGSTAFF of Crystal
Messrs. LEE of Dover-Foxcroft
BROGGI of Sanford
TORREY of Poland
HEANSSLER of Deer Isle
MUSKIE of Waterville

From the Senate, the following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
BUREAU OF TAXATION
AUGUSTA

January 1, 1947.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the 93rd Legislature:

In accordance with the provisions of section 9, chapter 41, Public Laws of 1945, I am forwarding herewith, a report on "State Owned Delinquent Tax Lands" for your consideration. (S. P. 9)

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

DAVID H. STEVENS
State Tax Assessor

Came from the Senate ordered placed on file.

In the House, was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: If there are Members-elect present who did not answer to the roll call this morning, if they will go into the Clerk's office following recess, arrangements will be made so that they may qualify later today.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Seeger.

Mr. SEEGER: Mr. Speaker, it seems fitting at this time, since you

have assumed the office of Speaker, that you should have the tool with which to conduct that service. It gives me great pleasure at this time, Speaker Ward, to present you with a gavel made in my hobby shop, which I am sure you will wield with honor to the State and with pleasure to yourself.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to thank the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Seeger, very, very much for this very beautiful gavel, and the Chair only hopes that he will be able to wield it in the manner in which the gentleman intends it should be wielded. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington,

The House recessed until 2 P. M.

After Recess—2 P. M.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate the following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the Ninety-second Legislature be the Joint Rules of this Legislature (S. P. 1)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House (S. P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives for mileage, the amounts included in lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively (S. P. 5)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred and twenty-five (325) copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1947 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that a suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. (S. P. 6)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that A. G. Robinson be State House Investigator during the present ses-

sion of the Legislature at the same rate of compensation paid Mr. Robinson during the last session. (S.P. 7)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public 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, forty-eight hours previous to the time when said rooms are to be used for that purpose. (S. P. 8)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House read and passed in concurrence.

At this point the Senate entered the Hall, and a Joint Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION

The President of the Senate, Hon. George D. Varney, presided over the Convention and called it to order.

IN CONVENTION

On motion by Senator Noyes of Hancock:

Senators:

Noyes of Hancock
MacKinnon of Oxford
Boucher of Androscoggin

Representatives:

Brown of Unity
Dean of South Portland
MacPherson of Easton
Bird of Rockland
Malenfant of Lewiston
Moreau of Westbrook
Labbe of Brunswick

were appointed by the Chairman of the Convention a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to the duty, Mr. Noyes, for the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 161.

Necessary for a choice 81.

Harold I. Goss had 139.

Harry Stevenson had 22.

Which report was accepted, and Harold I. Goss, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Secretary of State for the political years 1947 and 1948.

On motion by Senator Savage of Somerset:

Senators:

Savage of Somerset
Spear of Cumberland
Dube of Androscoggin

Representatives:

Judkins of Woodstock
Palmer of Charlotte
Jordan of Saco
Burgess of Limestone
Dostie of Lewiston
Nadeau of Biddeford
Violette of Van Buren

were appointed by the Chairman of the Convention a committee to receive, sort and count votes for State Treasurer.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Savage for the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 173.

Necessary for a choice 87.

Frank S. Carpenter had 147.

E. C. Lindsay had 26.

Which report was accepted, and Frank S. Carpenter, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected State Treasurer for the political years 1947 and 1948.

On motion by Senator Hopkins of Kennebec:

Senators: Hopkins of Kennebec
McKusick of Piscataquis
Boutin of Androscoggin

Representatives:

Wight of Bangor
Rankin of Bridgton
Lord of Camden
Boulter of Stacyville Plt.
Doucette of Lewiston
Martin of Eagle Lake
Smith of Westbrook

were appointed by the Chairman of the Convention a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Hopkins for the committee, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 170.

Necessary for a choice 86.

Ralph W. Farris had 145.

Louis B. Lausier had 25.

Which report was accepted, and Ralph W. Farris, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Attorney General for the political years 1947 and 1948.

On motion by Senator Bishop of Sagadahoc:

Senators: Bishop of Sagadahoc
Denny of Lincoln
Boucher of Androscoggin

Representatives:

Emerson of North Haven
Smith of Exeter
Williams of Topsham

Ellis of Castle Hill
Moulton of Livermore
Falls
Dostie of Winslow
Carey of Biddeford

were appointed by the Chairman of the Convention a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Bishop for the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 173.
Necessary for a choice 87.
A. K. Gardner had 146.
Charles H. Mills had 27.

Which report was accepted, and A. K. Gardner, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Commissioner of Agriculture for the political years 1947 to 1950 inclusive.

On motion by Senator Dunbar of Washington:

Senators: Dunbar of Washington
Barnes of Aroostook
Boutin of Androscoggin

Representatives:

Prout of Lubec
Ames of Northport
Jordan of South Portland
Curtis of Bowdoin
Leavitt of Old Town
Lessard of Skowhegan
Tremblay of Sanford

were appointed by the Chairman of the Convention a committee to receive, sort and count votes for seven Executive Councilors.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Dunbar for the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 172.
Necessary for a choice 87.
Robert B. Dow had 143.
Harold N. Hanold had 143.
John F. Blanchard had 143.
Leroy F. Hussey had 143.
Hervey R. Emery had 143.
Harold W. Worthen had 143.
Lee C. Good had 143.
Peter McDonald had 29.
John C. Fitzgerald had 29.
Ethel Pinkham had 29.
Levi T. Williams had 29.
Robert J. McGuire had 29.
Patrick J. Byrnes had 29.
Irene Cyr had 29.

Which report was accepted, and the Honorables Robert B. Dow, Harold N. Hanold, John F. Blanchard, Leroy F. Hussey, Hervey R.

Emery, Harold W. Worthen and Lee C. Good, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected Executive Councilors for the political years 1947 and 1948.

On motion by Senator MacKinnon of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary be directed to notify the Honorable Harold I. Goss of his election as Secretary of State; Honorable Frank S. Carpenter of his election as State Treasurer; Honorable Ralph W. Farris of his election as Attorney General; Honorable A. K. Gardner of his election as Commissioner of Agriculture; and the Honorables Robert B. Dow, Harold N. Hanold, John F. Blanchard, Leroy F. Hussey, Hervey R. Emery, Harold W. Worthen and Lee C. Good of their elections as Executive Councilors for the years 1947 and 1948.

Subsequently the Secretary reported that he had notified the officers as directed.

On motion by Senator Spear of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the Governor informing him of the election of the Honorable Harold I. Goss as Secretary of State; Honorable Frank S. Carpenter as State Treasurer; Honorable Ralph W. Farris as Attorney General; Honorable A. K. Gardner as Commissioner of Agriculture; and the Honorables Robert B. Dow, Harold N. Hanold, John F. Blanchard, Leroy F. Hussey, Hervey R. Emery, Harold W. Worthen and Lee C. Good as Executive Councilors for the political years 1947 and 1948.

The President appointed Senator Spear of Cumberland to convey the message.

Subsequently that Senator reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The purpose for which the Joint Convention was formed having been accomplished, the President declared the same dissolved, and the Senate retired to its chamber amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

IN THE HOUSE

Called to order by the Speaker.

The following resignation:

Augusta, Maine
January 1, 1947
Honorable John F. Ward,
Speaker House of Representatives,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as Representative from the City of Augusta.

(Signed) FRANK S. CARPENTER
Was received under suspension of the rules, read and accepted and ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time will recognize any member who wishes to announce the presence of members-elect in the House.

Mr. Emerson of North Haven announced the presence of Mr. Payson of Union.

Mr. Marsans of Monmouth announced the presence of Mr. Anderson of New Sweden and Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield.

Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill announced the presence of Mr. Burgess of Limestone.

Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle announced the presence of Messrs. Martin of Eagle Lake and Cousins of Fort Kent.

Mr. Benn of Smyrna announced the presence of Mr. Violette of Van Buren.

The members who announced the presence of those who were absent on the roll call earlier in the day were appointed by the Speaker as a committee of one each to escort the members-elect who were reported present to the Governor to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Subsequently, each member on the committee reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: The following report:

STATE OF MAINE

The Joint Select Committee of the Ninety-third Legislature on returns of votes for Governor given

in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years 1947 and 1948, has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the whole number of votes returned for Governor was 179,951; and that Horace A. Hildreth of Cumberland had 110,327 votes; and that F. Davis Clark of Milo had 69,624 votes. (S. P. 11)

(Signed)

RUTH THORNDIKE CLOUGH
Chairman on the part of Senate.
WALTER E. RUSSELL
Chairman on part of House.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, report was read and accepted in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 10)

**STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER**

Augusta, Maine
January 1, 1947

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with the Constitution of the State I herewith communicate to the Legislature each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted during the years, 1945 and 1946, stating the name of the convict, the crime of which he was convicted, the sentence and its date, the date of the reprieve, remission, commutation of sentence, and the conditions, if any, upon which the same was granted.

(Signed) HORACE HILDRETH
Governor

Came from the Senate ordered placed on file.

In the House, was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Seeger of Kittery,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.