

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*Ninety-Third Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1947

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AUGUSTA, MAINE

**HOUSE**

Wednesday, January 8, 1947

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

Prayer by the Rev. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

The following communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY  
GENERAL  
AUGUSTA

January 3, 1947

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature:

Pursuant to Article V, Part 4, Section 2 of the Constitution, I am transmitting herewith two bonds of the Honorable Frank S. Carpenter, Treasurer of State, each in the amount of \$75,000, one written by the Standard Accident Insurance Company of Detroit, Michigan, bearing date January 1, 1947, and the other written by Maine Bonding and Casualty Company of Portland, Maine, bearing date January 2, 1947, and each being payable to the State of Maine.

These bonds bear my approval as to form and I recommend them for approval by the Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) RALPH W. FARRIS  
Attorney General. (S. P. 21)

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

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

From the Senate:

The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the two bonds of the Hon. Frank S. Carpenter, Treasurer of State, each in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), one written by the Standard Accident Insurance Company of Detroit, Michigan, bearing date January 1, 1947, and the other written by Maine Bonding and Casualty Company of Portland, Maine, bearing date January 2, 1947, and each being payable to the State of Maine, and each bearing the certificate of ap-

proval of the Attorney General, be and hereby are approved (S. P. 22)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

**Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

**Claims**

Resolve in favor of Gunner J. Sandstrom, of Stockholm (H. P. 1) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Alfred W. Mahoney, of Sheepscot (H. P. 2) (Presented by Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Adeline Mattson, of Stockholm (H. P. 3) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

Resolve in favor of Mildred L. Karnes, of Haynesville (H. P. 4) (Presented by Mr. Corson of Hodgdon)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Education**

Bill "An Act relating to State Aid for Industrial Course in Elementary Schools, High Schools and Academies" (H. P. 5) (Presented by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve Granting a Pension to Annie M. Adams of North Edgecomb (H. P. 6) (Presented by Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act relating to Writ of Audita Querela Before Justice in Vacation" (H. P. 7) (Presented by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Machias School District" (H. P. 8) (Presented by Mr. Hayward of Machias)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Squirrel Island Village Corporation" (H. P. 9) (Presented

by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor by request)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Motor Vehicles

Bill "An Act relating to Operators' Licenses" (H. P. 10) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 11) (Presented by Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Ways and Bridges Resolves Tabled

Resolve in favor of the town of Southport (H. P. 12) (Presented by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the town of South Bristol (H. P. 13) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay Harbor (H. P. 14) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay (H. P. 15) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay (H. P. 16) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay (H. P. 17) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Monhegan Plantation (H. P. 18) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bristol (H. P. 19) (Presented by same gentleman)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Mr. Speaker, in the light of the part of the Governor's message which referred to these special resolves for highways, which I presume they are, and since we have not had his budget message to know what money he would recommend to allocate to these, I move that these resolves be laid on the table pending the Governor's budget message.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott, moves that these several resolves be laid on the table pending reference to a committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the resolves were so tabled.

#### Orders

On motion of Mr. Dean of South Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send flowers from the members of the House to Representative-elect Lewis H. Lackee of Addison, and express to him their regrets that due to the accident which he suffered he is unable to be present, together with their hopes that he may have a swift recovery.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to state at this time that the House is awaiting papers from the Senate which will arrive momentarily. The House may be at ease, but the members will please remain in their seats.

#### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

#### (Out of Order)

From the Senate: The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
Office of the Governor  
Augusta

January 8, 1947.

The Honorable President of the Senate

The Honorable Speaker of the House  
Ninety-third Legislature

Dear Sir:

I deem it a pleasure to transmit herewith a letter from the Honorable Percival P. Baxter of Portland in which he offers an additional 10,740 acres of land in the Katahdin Baxter State Park area for public purposes.

This generous gift, if accepted by the 93rd Legislature, would increase the area of the Baxter State Park, which includes Mount Katahdin to 127,028 acres.

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 the gift, under the same terms and conditions as the previous ones, as being in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) HORACE HILDRETH

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House:

Was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 24)

To the Honorable Horace A. Hildreth, Governor, and the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature.

Beginning in 1931 I have come to several Maine Legislatures offering gifts of land to the State of Maine in Trust, and I now come to you to offer another gift, this one of ten thousand seven hundred forty (10,740) acres, the same to be added to Baxter State Park in the Mount Katahdin region.

Up to the present time I have donated to the State one hundred sixteen thousand two hundred eighty-eight (116,288) acres and the additional acreage which I now bring to you will increase the total area of the Park to one hundred twenty-seven thousand twenty-eight (127,028) acres, or approximately five and one-half (5½) Maine Wild Land townships.

In order that there may be a complete and accurate record of my Gifts to the State over the years, I am including in the Act of Acceptance a list of the Gifts in detail so that in the years to come this will be available to those who may be interested to have the record spread before them. Those of the members of this Ninety-third Legislature who have served in previous Legislatures, no doubt are familiar with the procedure adopted in connection with these Gifts.

The land that is now being donated to the State is my most recent purchase. When you accept this Gift I then shall have donated to the State all the land in the Katahdin area that I have acquired since I began my project in 1917. This one hundred twenty-seven thousand twenty-eight (127,028) acres is a continuous unbroken area except for the fact that in the southwestern corner there is still outstanding an undivided ownership of six thousand seventeen (6,017) acres which I have not yet acquired and which is not included in the total of one hundred twenty-seven thousand twenty-eight (127,028) acres.

I am still interested to enlarge

the area of the Park and shall do so from time to time as additional purchases are made.

The conditions placed in the Act of Acceptance are the same as those in former Deeds of Gift. It now is just thirty (30) years since in 1917 I first conceived the project of donating to the State of Maine a large area of land for Public Park and Recreational purposes. I shall be pleased if you will accept this Gift in the spirit in which it is offered.

Respectfully

PERCIVAL P. BAXTER

Portland, Maine  
January 8, 1947.

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House: Was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter the Conveyance and Deed of Gift of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Forty (10,740) Acres of Land in the West One-Half (½) of Township Four (4) Range Ten (10) W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County, Baxter State Park, State of Maine" (S. P. 25)

Came from the Senate given its several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

In the House:

Was received out of order under suspension of the rules, given its three several readings without reference to a committee and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that in order that the records of the Gift by Percival Proctor Baxter to the State of Maine as Trustee in Trust of ten thousand seven hundred forty (10,740) acres in township four (4) range ten (10), W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County (Baxter State Park) be complete and in enduring form, the communication dated January eighth, 1947, addressed by said Baxter to the Honorable Horace A. Hildreth, Governor, and to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature, together with the message of Governor Horace A. Hildreth transmitting the said communication to this Legislature, be printed in the Laws of Maine for 1947. (S. P. 26)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House:

Was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence.

#### Enactor

The following Bill on its passage to be enacted was taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter the Conveyance and Deed of Gift of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Forty (10,740) Acres of Land in the West One-Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Township Four (4) Range Ten (10) W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County Baxter State Park, State of Maine (S. P. 25)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

From the Senate: The following Order:

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 dollars (\$85.00), 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. 37)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House:

Was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: We are proceeding under Orders of the Day. Is there any further business? If not, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Christensen of Calais,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.