

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, January 14, 1947

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Douglas Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday, January 9, read and approved.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

**Referred to Committee**

The following bills were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Ela of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Records of Vital Statistics and Issuing Certified Copies Thereof." (S. P. 49)

Mr. Cross of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Expert Witnesses." (S. P. 50)  
(Each ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Labor**

Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Work Permits for Children." (S. P. 51)  
(Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Mr. Cross of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Change of Purposes of Corporations Without Capital Stock." (S. P. 52)  
(Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Taxation**

Mr. Ela of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Relating to Collection of Corporate Franchise Taxes." (S. P. 53.)  
(Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Cross of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve in Favor of the Town of Palermo (S. P. 34) tabled by that Senator on January 8 pending reference to a committee.

Mr. CROSS of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, when I tabled this resolve last week, I assured you that my only purpose in so doing was to wait until we had heard the Governor's budget measure. We had that pleasure last Thursday and I would like to point out very briefly in the budget recommendation there was no provision set up for special resolves in the coming biennium. There was set up in the budget however, a very substantial appropriation for the so-called town road improvement fund, to be exact \$520,000. I would merely like to point out before sending this resolve on its natural course that under last year's budget, or rather, the budget for the last biennium there was appropriated for special resolves under the blanket only the sum of \$150,000 which, when it is spread over the sixteen counties of the state, doesn't give anyone very much money. A few get more than they should and a great many get less than they should.

Under this bill which we did pass last session there was set up a very fair and equitable manner of distributing this money. Now in the Governor's budget there is a substantial amount set up for this bill but as I said, nothing for the special resolves. The Governor stated his position in regard to this in his Inaugural Message and I feel that the legislature should not introduce these special resolves.

However, it is only my personal opinion and I have no desire to dictate or to assume a negative attitude to the legislature. It is their province to put in any resolve whether it be claims or pensions or roads or bridges, or any type of resolve they see fit. We have the machinery for proper hearing of resolves before the committees and I would move this bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges where it will have proper hearing. And after the report comes out such action as will be indicated will be taken by the legislature.

The PRESIDENT: Is there any further business to come before the Senate?

On motion by Mr. Davis of York Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.