

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

*Ninety-Third Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1947

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**SENATE**

Thursday, February 20, 1947.

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:

Bill "An Act Relating to Superintendence of Schools Through Union Towns." (H. P. 1191) (L. D. 779)

(In the Senate on February 18th, 1947, referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, that body having insisted on its former action whereby the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and now asks for a Committee of Conference, the speaker having appointed as members of such a Committee on the part of the House:

Representatives:

- Judkins of Woodstock
- Stetson of Dixfield
- Palmer of Nobleboro

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Davis of York, the Senate voted to insist on their former action and join with the House in a Committee of Conference and the President appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate.

Senators:

- Bishop of Sagadahoc
- Davis of York
- McKusick of Piscataquis

Bill "An Act Relating to Union Schools." (H. P. 1192) (L. D. 780)

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Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

**House Committee Reports**

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Facsimile Signature of Clerks of Courts." (H. P. 341) (L. D. 214) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company." (H. P. 439) (L. D. 258) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Authority of Lafavette Lodge to Hold Property." (H. P. 441) (L. D. 260) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Records of Pari-Mutuel Racing." (H. P. 751) (L. D. 177) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the Town of Limestone in the County of Aroostook." (H. P. 118) (L. D. 82) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and adopted in concurrence, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Municipal Planning and Zoning." (H. P. 453) (L. D. 269) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A"

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Licensing of Merry-Go-Rounds, and Other Mechanical Rides." (H. P. 451) (L. D. 267) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A"

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Superintending School Committee for the Town of Caribou." (H. P. 243) (L. D. 173) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Which reports were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills read once; Committee

Amendments "A" were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills as amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Communication**  
STATE OF MAINE  
House of Representatives  
Office of the Clerk  
Augusta

February 19, 1947

The Honorable Chester T. Winslow  
Secretary of the Senate  
State House  
Augusta, Maine  
Sir:

The Majority Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Records of Vital Statistics and Issuing Certified Copies Thereof," Senate Paper 46, Legislative Document 21 was accepted in non-concurrence in the House on February 19, 1947.

Respectfully,

HARVEY R. PEASE

Clerk of the House.

Which communication was read and ordered placed on file.

**Referred to Committees**

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

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for 1946-47 Appropriation Deficiencies in Aid to Dependent Children, World War Assistance, Board and Care of Neglected Children, and Indians." (S. P. 358)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Counties**

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act to Promote the Topographic Mapping of Maine in Cooperation with the United States Geological Survey." (S. P. 359)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Indian Affairs**

Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act Relating to Restoration of Membership in Indian Tribes." (S. P. 360)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Membership in Indian Tribes." (S. P. 361)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Crosby of Franklin presented "Resolve Closing Farmer's Brook in Franklin County to Smelting." (S. P. 362)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act to Provide for the Creation of a Liquor Research Commission." (S. P. 363)

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Providing for a State Advisory Council on Personnel." (S. P. 364)

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Franco-American Loan Corporation of Lewiston." (S. P. 365)

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, as this bill was given to the Revisor of Statutes during my absence and I was told of the bill only after I returned, I would wish to include on the bill "by request". I was not notified before the bill was given to the Revisor of Statutes. It had already been given to him at the last minute and I don't wish to withdraw it at this time. I will let it be introduced in my name by request only.

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary will make the notation on the bill.

Mr. Barnes of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Relating to Time for Registration of Voters." (Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Posing as Indian in Vending." (S. P. 367)

Mr. Davis of York presented Bill "An Act Relating to Elections in the City of Biddeford." (S. P. 368)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Military Affairs**

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act to Provide for a Sliding Scale Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II." (S. P. 369)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Cash Bonus of \$500. to Maine Veterans in World War II." (S. P. 370)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Salaries and Fees**

Mr. Boutin of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act Relating to Boards of Registration." (S. P. 371) (Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Towns**

Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act Relating to Superintending School Committees." (S. P. 372) (Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Ways and Bridges**

Mr. MacKinnon of Oxford presented Resolve in Favor of the Town of Andover." (S. P. 373)  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Committee Reports**

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Correct a Clerical Error Regarding the Apportionment of the Number of Representatives," (S. P. 60) (L. D. 36) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and adopted.

Miss Clough from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Registration or Transfer of Securities to or by Fiduciaries or Their Nominees," (S. P. 82) (L. D. 108) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Dunbar from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Amortization of Premiums and the Accumulation of Discounts on Bonds or Other Obligations Held in Trust," (S. P. 85) (L. D. 111) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Batchelder from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Regulation of Employment Agencies," (S. P. 128) (L. D. 285) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Noyes from the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Relating to the Issuance of Dealer's Registration," (S. P. 218) (L. D. 571) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Cross from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles," (S. P. 219) (L. D. 570) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to the Canning and Shipping of Clams," (S. P. 255)

(L. D. 645) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Greeley from the Committee on Towns on Bill "An Act Relating to Expenses of Town Collectors and Treasurers in Attending Meetings," (S. P. 103) (L. D. 202) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. McKusick from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sullivan," (S. P. 64) (L. D. 39) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and adopted, the bills and resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Jerry Pond." (H. P. 113) (L. D. 77)

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I wish to present Senate Amendment A to correct an error, and I move its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A:

"Senate Amendment A to Resolve Regulating Fishing in Jerry Pond, H. P. 113) (L. D. 77) Amend said Resolve by striking out in the last line thereof, the word 'route' and inserting in place thereof the word 'range'."

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relative to the Limington, Hollis and Waterboro Game Preserve." (H. P. 433) (L. D. 257)

Bill "An Act Relative to Open Season on Racoons." (H. P. 435) (L. D. 297)

"Resolve Establishing the Opening Date for Open Water Fishing in Sabbathday Lake in Cumberland County." (H. P. 438) (L. D. 300)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Patten Water and Power Company." (H. P. 506) (L. D. 327)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Vanceboro Water Company." (H. P. 507) (L. D. 328)

Bill "An Act Repealing Rangeley Game Preserve in Franklin and Oxford Counties." (H. P. 603) (L. D. 408)

Bill "An Act Relative to Closing Runnell's Brook to Hunting and Trapping of Fur-bearing Animals." (H. P. 606) (L. D. 409)

Bill "An Act Relating to Licenses for Dealers in Deer Skins and Heads." (H. P. 607) (L. L. 373)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Brunswick and Topsham Water District." (H. P. 622) (L. D. 411)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Brownville Junction Water District." (H. P. 623) (L. D. 383)

(On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in East Pond Stream, Town of Smithfield, Somerset County." (H. P. 656) (L. D. 454)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Hatchery Brook in the Town of Belgrade, Kennebec County." (H. P. 657) (L. D. 455)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Brownville Water District." (H. P. 685) (L. D. 441)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

#### Passed to be Enacted

"An Act Relating to Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Indians." (S. P. 27) (L. D. 1)

"An Act Relating to Fees of Expert Witnesses." (S. P. 50) (L. D. 22)

"An Act to Dissolve the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Portland and Rumford Falls Railroad." (S. P. 83) (L. D. 112)

"An Act Relating to Certificates for the Operation of Busses." (S. P. 87) (L. D. 113)

"An Act to Provide for the Maintenance of Ways Already Laid Out Which Cross Over or Under Railroad Tracks and Not at Grade." (S. P. 101) (L. D. 201)

"Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to Davidson Land Company." (S. P. 136) (L. D. 279)

"An Act Relating to the Abatement of Taxes." (H. P. 39) (L. D. 30)

"An Act Relating to Use of Mechanical Equipment in Schools by Children." (H. P. 166) (L. D. 149)

"An Act Relating to Probation Period for Members of the State Police." (H. P. 168) (L. D. 122)

"An Act Relating to Audit of Certain Private Educational Institutions." (H. P. 236) (L. D. 165)

"An Act Repealing Winthrop and Wayne Game Sanctuary." (H. P. 238) (L. D. 167)

"An Act Relating to Use of Gill Net in Taking White Fish in Junior

Lake, Penobscot County." (H. P. 239) (L. D. 168)

"An Act Relating to Appeal from Orders for Judging Dangerous Buildings to be Nuisances." (H. P. 242) (L. D. 170)

"An Act Relating to Farm Bureau Assistance in Piscataquis County." (H. P. 334) (L. D. 207)

"An Act Relating to the Bangor Municipal Court" (H. P. 335) (L. D. 208)

"An Act Relating to Membership of Emergency Municipal Finance Board." (H. P. 339) (L. D. 212)

#### Finally Passed

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Gerard Albert of St. Agatha." (H. P. 130) (L. D. 86)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Woodbury L. Eerce, of Washburn." (H. P. 131) (L. D. 87)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Sylvio Guerette, of Guerette." (H. P. 132) (L. D. 88)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Harvey F. Sprague, of Dennysville." (H. P. 136) (L. D. 92)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Land in Franklin County to Timberlands, Inc., of Dixfield." (H. P. 190) (L. D. 154)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Harry L. Wheelden, of Bangor." (H. P. 268) (L. D. 191)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to Carl J. Kennedy, of Milford." (H. P. 269) (L. D. 192)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to Calvin Cummings, of Bethel." (H. P. 270) (L. D. 193)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to Nelson Myrick, of Lowell." (H. P. 352) (L. D. 221)

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the rules were suspended in order for that Senator to make a motion out of order; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken earlier in today's session whereby Bill An Act to Incorporate the Brownville Water District (H. P. 635) (L. D. 441) was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. HOPKINS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I would like to say in explanation that I tabled one of these Water District charter bills in order that it might be amended but I missed this one and I would now like to move that it be laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

The motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

**Emergency Measure**

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the South Freeport Water District." (H. P. 124) (L. D. 99)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

**Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Cleaves of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.