

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, February 25, 1947.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Charles A. Clough of Augusta.

Journal of Friday, February 21, 1947 read and approved.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

**House Committee Reports**

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Declaring Maine Maritime Academy as a State Agency," (H. P. 57) (L. D. 44) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Freedom Academy," (H. P. 658) (L. D. 456) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Appointment of Directors of Corporations by Court," (H. P. 663) (L. D. 460) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer and County Commissioners of Lincoln County to Procure a Loan and Issue Bonds of said County Therefore for the Purpose of Building a Court House or Adding to the Present Court House," (H. P. 634) (L. D. 437) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Repealing the Farm Lands Loan Act and Disposing of Assets," (H. P. 841) (L. D. 484) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relative to Penalties," (H. P. 837) (L. D. 534) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Town of Norway to Acquire Property," (H. P. 671) (L. D. 463) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Chestnut Street Methodist Society in Portland," (H. P. 613) (L. D. 378) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Board of Commissioners of Pharmacy," (H. P. 611) (L. D. 376) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Towns on Bill "An Act Relating to Bank Accounts

and Deposits of Town Treasurers," (H. P. 273) (L. D. 185) 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 to Incorporate the City of Belfast School District," (H. P. 667) (L. D. 438) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A".

In the Senate, the report was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading; House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Referred to Committees**

Pursuant to Joint Order, the following bills and resolves were transmitted by the Revisor of Statutes and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

**Salaries and Fees**

Mr. Barnes of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts in Aroostook County," (S. P. 380) (Ordered printed.) Sent down for concurrence.

**Agriculture**

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Permitting Refunds of Dog License Fees," (S. P. 381) (Ordered printed.) Sent down for concurrence.

**Education**

Mr. Ela of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Relating to Tuition for Pupils from Towns Contracting for Secondary Education," (S. P. 382) (Ordered printed.) Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Baker of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Supreme Court of Probate," (S. P. 383)

Mr. Blanchard of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Relating to Registers of Probate Accounting Quarterly for Fees," (S. P. 384)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of Registers of Probate in Foreign Estates." (S. P. 385)

Mr. Smith of Knox presented Bill "An Act Relating to Public Officers in Public Contracts." (S. P. 386)

Mr. Dunbar of Washington presented Bill "An Act Relating to Burglary and Breaking and Entering." (S. P. 387)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Health

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to Testing of Water Supplies for Public Schools." (S. P. 391)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Batchelder of York presented Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds for York County." (S. P. 388)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of Clerks in the Office of Clerk of Courts in York County." (S. P. 389)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate in York County." (S. P. 390)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Probate in York County." (S. P. 392)

Mr. Davis of York presented Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Deeds of York County." (S. P. 393)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Mr. Greeley of Waldo presented Bill "An Act Relating to Annual Audit of Towns Under Two Thousand Population." (S. P. 394)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph Pauze of Lewiston." (S. P. 395)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Senate Committee Reports

Miss Clough from the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Election Date for Amendments to the Constitution,"

(S. P. 127) (L. D. 286) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, tabled pending adoption of the report.)

Mr. Dunbar from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Representation of Political Parties on Senate Committees," (S. P. 145) (L. D. 340) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, tabled pending adoption of the report.)

Miss Clough from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Service of Writs in Western Somerset Municipal Court," (S. P. 160) (L. D. 400) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Barnes from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Validity of Signature of Outgoing State Controller," (S. P. 142) (L. D. 337) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Dunbar from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Liens on Articles of Clothing and Household or Office Goods," (H. P. 143) (L. D. 338) reported that the same ought to pass.

Miss Clough from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Bar of Registration of Nurses," (S. P. 125) (L. D. 290) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act to Validate the Use of Check Marks in Elections," (S. P. 144) (L. D. 339) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Dunbar from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Permitting Soil Conservation Districts to Acquire Surplus Property," (S. P. 161) (L. D. 398) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Noyes from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Provide for Plant Railroads," (S. P. 133) (L. D. 282) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Boucher from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act Amending the Law Relative to Publication of Notice of Hearing on Application for Liquor Licenses," (S. P. 73) (L. D. 65) reported that the

same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and adopted, and the bill read once.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to Bill An Act Amending the Law Relative to Publication of Notice of Hearing on Application for Liquor Licenses (S. P. 73) (L. D. 65). Amend said bill by striking out the underlined words 'a weekly' in the 18th line of that part designated Section 22 of said bill, and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'any'; further amend said bill striking out the underlined words 'daily or weekly' in the 19th line of that part designated Section 22 of said bill; further amend said bill by striking out the underlined words 'a weekly' in the 22nd line of that part designated Section 22 of said bill and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'any'."

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to the Commitment of Patients to Mental Hospitals," (S. P. 181) (L. D. 539) reported that the same ought to pass.

(signed) Senators:

DUNBAR of Washington  
CLOUGH of Penobscot  
BARNES of Aroostook

Representatives:

HASKELL of Portland  
PEIRCE of Augusta  
SILSBY of Aurora  
WILLIAMS of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter

reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Representatives:

PERKINS of Boothbay Harbor  
McGLAUFLIN of Portland  
MILLS of Farmington

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the Majority Report "Ought to Pass" was adopted and the bill was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to the Use of Lights in the Operation of Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 1564) (L. D. 961)

Which bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Litchfield School District." (H. P. 250) (L. D. 176)

Which bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table Bill An Act Relating to Registration of State Highway Equipment (S. P. 46) (L. D. 20) tabled by that Senator on February 21 pending passage to be enacted.

This bill being an emergency measure, a division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-six having voted in the affirmative and none opposed, the bill was passed to be enacted.

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

On motion by Mr. Cleaves of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.