

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Friday, April 25, 1947.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer was by the Reverend Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Order  
(Out of Order)**

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, April 28th, 1947, at 3:00 in the afternoon, E. S. T. (S. P. 539)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House having been read and passed in concurrence.

**From the House**

Joint Order: Recalling (H. P. 471) (L. D. 276) bill An Act Relating to Close Time on Scallops, from the Governor to the House. (H. P. 1726)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts in Juvenile Cases." (S. P. 256) (L. D. 718)

(In the Senate, on March 14th passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, engrossing reconsidered; House Amendment A adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Miss Clough of Penobscot, the Senate voted to recede from its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At this point the President designated the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Williams as President pro tem of the Senate; and that Senator was escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-arms, the President retiring.

**House Committee Reports**

The Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefits," (H. P. 1380) (L. D. 999) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Providing for Registration of Bear Killed," (H. P. 902) (L. D. 601) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1717) (L. D. 1447) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill in new draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Aeronautics on Bill "An Act Relating to Aeronautical Fund," (H. P. 1496) (L. D. 1116) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Lamont and Nellie Bean of Phillips," (H. P. 418) (L. D. 248) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as Employer's Experience Classification," (H. P. 1439) (L. D. 1043) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Reimbursement to the Federal Government by Reason of Certain Recoveries," (H. P. 1593) (L. D. 1249) 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.

The Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Charter of the Bay Point Village Corporation," (H. P.

1606) (L. D. 1272) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Senators:

BLANCHARD of Aroostook  
BAKER of Kennebec

Representatives:

WEEKS of South Portland  
WOODWORTH of Fairfield  
RANKIN of Bridgton  
ATHERTON of Bangor  
SNOW of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(signed)

Senator:

BATCHELDER of York

Representatives:

ANDERSON of New Sweden  
PAYSON of Union

Comes from the House, the Minority Report read and adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, the reports and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration of the reports.

#### Communication

STATE OF MAINE

House of Representatives  
Office of the Clerk  
Augusta

April 23, 1947.

Honorable Chester T. Winslow  
Secretary of the Senate  
of the 93rd Legislature  
Sir:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 8, the Senate is hereby notified that the following Resolves:

"Resolve Providing for Certain New Construction at the Augusta State Hospital." (S. P. 270) (L. D. 812)

"Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital." (S. P. 273) (L. D. 863)

"Resolve Providing for Additional Appropriation for Construction at the Bangor State Hospital." (S. P. 274) (L. D. 862)

"Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Augusta State Hospital." (S. P. 272) (L. D. 809) on which the Senate accepted the Minority Reports of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and passed the Resolves to be engrossed, the House today accepted the Majority Reports of the

Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass."

Respectfully,

HARVEY R. PEASE

Clerk of the House

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

#### Senate Committee Reports

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Robert G. Spaulding, of Thomaston," (S. P. 198) (L. D. 584) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. MURCHIE from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Frederick B. Battle, Jr., of Rhode Island," (S. P. 250) (L. D. 712) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Lemuel Morrell, of Limestone," (S. P. 251) (L. D. 713) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and adopted.

Mr. BARNES from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Automobile Travel by State Employees," (S. P. 299) (L. D. 794) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 537) (L. D. 1456) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Boards of Registration," (S. P. 371) (L. D. 1036) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 536) (L. D. 1457) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

The Majority of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Bill "An Act Relating to Forestry Cutting Practices," (S. P. 409) (L. D. 1158) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

MURCHIE of Washington  
WILLIAMS of Penobscot

Representatives:

BROWN of Milford  
BENN of Smyrna  
WILLIAMS of Topsham  
WEBBER of Bangor  
SHARPE of Anson

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 538) (L. D. 1455) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator CLEAVES of Cumberland Representatives:

ROLLINS of Greenville

BROWN of Wayne

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, I might say to the members of the Senate that my first idea this morning was to bring this out into the open and have debate on it but inasmuch as a man named Williams from Penobscot is named with me on the report and I know it is the idea of the man who sponsored the bill, in his interest I am going to ask that it be laid upon the table.

The motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending consideration of the reports.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to the Gasoline Tax." (H. P. 1715) (L. D. 1441)

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

"Resolve in Favor of Maurice Watton of Monticello." (H. P. 42) (L. D. 41)

Bill "An Act Relating to a State Police Barrack in the County of Cumberland." (H. P. 358) (L. D. 228)

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

"Resolve in Favor of the Maine Distributors, Inc." (S. P. 192) (L. D. 1444)

"Resolve Providing Pensions for Soldiers and Sailors and Dependents and Other Needy Persons." (S. P. 511) (L. D. 1445)

Bill "An Act Relating to Annual Audit of Towns." (S. P. 532) (L. D. 1442)

Bill "An Act to Effect Certain Changes in Administrative Procedure Under the Unemployment Compensation Law." (S. P. 533) (L. D. 1443)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

At this point, President Varney resumed the Chair, Mr. Williams of Penobscot retiring amidst the applause of the Senate.

#### Passed to be Enacted

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of Members of the State Police." (S. P. 297) (L. D. 796)

(On motion by Mr. Savage of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Erection of Billboards Adjacent to Turnpikes." (S. P. 349) (L. D. 1161)

Bill "An Act Continuing the Division of Veterans' Affairs." (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1319)

(On motion by Mr. Savage of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act to Increase State Aid to Towns for the Support of Schools to Establish Minimum Salaries for Teachers." (S. P. 478) (L. D. 1336)

(On motion by Mr. Savage of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Reimbursing Towns for Tuition for Pupils Attending Secondary Schools." (S. P. 501) (L. D. 1369)

(On motion by Mr. Savage of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Trapping of Beaver." (S. P. 508) (L. D. 1398)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees for Registration of Motor Trucks and Basis Therefor." (S. P. 509) (L. D. 1397)

Bill "An Act Creating an Agency to Rehabilitate the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon." (S. P. 510) (L. D. 1396)

(On motion by Mr. Savage of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relative to Operation of Boats." (S. P. 513) (L. D. 1403)

Bill "An Act Relating to Town of Norridgewock School District." (S. P. 615) (L. D. 380)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Sheriff of Cumberland County." (H. P. 946) (L. D. 553)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Salary of the Recorder of the Yorkshire Municipal Court." (H. P. 952) (L. D. 624)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Treasurer of Kennebec County." (H. P. 1085) (L. D. 703)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of Probate in Penobscot County." (H. P. 1204) (L. D. 824)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees in the Small Claims Law." (H. P. 1299) (L. D. 906)

Bill "An Act Relating to Board of Boiler Rules." (H. P. 1400) (L. D. 1017)

Bill "An Act Providing for Giving Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses by Governor to Congressional Medal of Honor Holders." (H. P. 1667) (L. D. 1372)

"Resolve to Provide Funds for Clam Cleansing Research." (H. P. 1620) (L. D. 1292)

(On motion by Mr. Cleaves of Cumberland, tabled pending final passage.)

"Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory and in the City of Bangor." (H. P. 1684) (L. D. 1402)

Bill "An Act Relieving Towns from Care of Neglected and Dependent Children." (S. P. 246) (L. D. 663)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Penobscot, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

#### Emergency Measure

Bill "An Act to Provide Revenue for the Construction and Extension of Airports, and to Regulate and Control the Expenditures Thereof." (H. P. 1690) (L. D. 1408)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Penobscot, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report "Ought to Pass in New Draft" from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act to Create the Penobscot Valley Water Commission (H. P. 1697) (L. D. 1421) tabled by that Senator on April 21st pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee was adopted and the bill was given its first reading. House Amendment "A" was read and adopted and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report "Ought

to Pass in New Draft" on Bill, An Act Relating to the Salaries of Various Officers of Franklin County (H. P. 1698) (L. D. 1415) tabled by that Senator on April 24th pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee was adopted and the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. CROSBY: Mr. President, I present Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption. In explanation, I would say that this amendment meets with the approval of the three county commissioners and I understand the sheriff of the county. I know it meets with the approval of the county attorney, the county treasurer, and four of the delegation of five.

The secretary read Senate Amendment "A":

"Senate Amendment "A" to H. P. 1698, L. D. 1415, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of Various Officers of Franklin County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the title thereof and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds in Franklin County."

Further amend said Bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

**R. S., c. 79, §269, amended.** That part of the 5th paragraph of section 269 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 161 of the public laws of 1945, which relates to clerk hire in the office of the register of deeds in Franklin county, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"for clerks in the office of register of deeds, \$1,200;"

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted, and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Cross of Kennebec, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby, Bill, An Act Relating to Fees for Registration of Motor Trucks and Basis Therefor

(S. P. 509) (L. D. 1397) was passed to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo

Adjourned until next Monday afternoon, April 28th at three o'clock, Standard Time.