

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Wednesday, January 17, 1951

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Squiers of Hallowell.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Corporate Donations to Charity" (S. P. 31) (L. D. 16)

Bill "An Act relating to the Government Employees Credit Union of Maine" (S. P. 32) (L. D. 15)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Liens on Insurance Policies for Hospitals" (S. P. 33) (L. D. 18)

Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of the Governor to Four-Year Terms. (S. P. 34) (L. D. 17)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to the Town of Winthrop School District" (S. P. 35) (L. D. 21)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Stonington School District" (S. P. 36) (L. D. 20)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Deer Isle School District" (S. P. 37) (L. D. 19)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Membership of the Emergency Municipal Finance Board" (S. P. 39) (L. D. 22)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties 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:

**Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act relating to the Provident Loan Company" (H. P. 101) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Regulate Trust Investments" (H. P. 102) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Highways**

Resolve in favor of the Town of Kennebunk (H. P. 103) (Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act permitting the Children's Aid Society of Maine to Sell Buildings and Land" (H. P. 104) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution relating to Absent Voting (H. P. 105) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act permitting Basketball on Sunday" (H. P. 106) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act relating to Transporter Registration for Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 107) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Welfare**

Resolve providing for State Pension for John Daggett Lane, of Win-

throp (H. P. 108) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I present an Order and move its passage, and after the Order has been read I will move that it lie on the table until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the Order.

ORDERED, that on each Wednesday the first business under Orders of the Day shall be a Special Order of Business which shall be a report by one or more of the House members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, designed to inform the House regarding the progress being made in the study of the General Fund Budget; and that following such report discussion and questions shall be in order on the matters covered by the report without formal motion; and that the Speaker shall fix the time to be devoted to this Special Order as he may deem consistent with the need for expediting action on other pending legislation.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Chase, the Order was tabled pending passage and tomorrow assigned.

On motion of Mr. Clements of Belfast, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Z. Richard Henley of Belfast be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, January 31, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Knapp of Yarmouth, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. William G. Kirschbaum of Yarmouth be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, January 25, 1951.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House a House Order relative to appointment of committee to investigate the needs of old people, the sick, the blind, the physically incapacitated and the dependent children, which was

tabled on January 10 by the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar.

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to state more fully so that the members can understand why I presented this Order and why I tabled it so there will be no misunderstanding, as I see there is.

The reason why I presented this is because there are numerous cases which do not reach the Welfare Committee and which they do not know anything about. But our needy are suffering, today, and I considered that if we had one out of each county who would contact their Town Managers, County Associations and the Chambers of Commerce, they could tell us very definitely about these cases and the House would know. Now, that is one of the reasons why I presented the Order.

Now I want to tell you Members that there are many cases like this which we do not know about. For instance, here is an old woman and she has three children, young men. They have large families. Well, one of them is earning just enough so that he is obliged under the law to take care of his mother and his mother knows that he cannot take care of her and do justice to his children and she will not make application to the Old Age Assistance because she knows if she does a case worker will be sent around to dig down into the lives of those children and find out everything they have and everything they do. She says: "I will go to my grave before I will." Now, that is one of the cases.

Here is an old man who had the money, fifty years ago, I have one in mind, sixty years ago, to build a little home. He took his bride there. All right. He wants to leave that little home without any claim upon it or anything against it to his daughter who is caring for him. Well, if he makes application for the Old Age Assistance, he cannot do that. There must be a claim against the home and he says: "I will not do it. I will go hungry first."

Here is another one—I had a letter from her only this week. She is sick, suffering. She has had two

doctors, kind-hearted doctors, and they say: "We can't do a thing for you, you must go to a hospital." They tried to get her into two hospitals and they couldn't get her in. The hospitals said: "We have so many charity cases now, we can't take any more." She is suffering badly. Well, there ought to be something done about that case.

And here's another case: I want to tell you this happened just before Christmas. My boy, Benjamin, who sat in this Chamber some years ago, heard about a case that was in need. He said: "I guess I will go and investigate." He went there along about ten o'clock and he found a mother of six children and another one on the way. Well, he didn't know hardly what to do. He saw the woman had been crying; her eyes were red. It was a little difficult for him to approach the matter but he did it; he told her finally what he had come for. The children had been crying. Now, she is a beautiful woman. She could grace the home of any man and as good a mother as you would find in the community, and she told him: "There isn't one single thing in this house to eat." Well, of course Benjamin did something. He rushed off. I think it was Sunday morning. He went to the Church and told them the story and it wasn't long before there was plenty there for the coming Christmas dinner. Why, you say, didn't that man call on the town? Well, why don't we call on the town under like circumstances? Because there is too much pride in some of our noble hearts, when misfortune overtakes us, to call on the town. She didn't do it.

Well, her husband went to a physician and the physician examined him and he said: "You have a bad heart affliction here and you can't work any more." So, he filled out a blank and sent it to the Welfare woman who was looking after it in that district and she went back to the doctor and she says: "Now, doctor,"—remember he's a worthy member of the Medical Association and a kind-hearted and an honest man—she said, "Doctor, isn't there something this man can do, some better kind of work?" He said: "Well I consider him incurable but there might be

some kind of light work that he could do." Well, on that ground, she threw that out the window. I know the man. He doesn't drink; he hasn't any bad habits, but he has a heart affliction which might happen to you and which might happen to me.

Now, those are some of the cases; something this House ought to know about. And so I say if we can have a man from each county, he can contact the Chambers of Commerce and the Town Manager Associations and find out about these cases. Well, so I have written to some of them. I haven't had the answers yet; they haven't had time to answer me. Therefore, Members, it is my privilege, it is up to you Members here, I would like to table this order again until I can hear from those men, to see whether or not we need this committee and if it is justified and, with your consent, I ask that this be tabled, perhaps it would have to be indefinitely, until I can get this information that I am seeking.

I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar, assign a time?

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, I can't do it because I don't know when these societies are going to answer me. How can I do it? You know that I do not want to put anything over on this House. I would like to lay it there indefinitely —

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar, moves that the Order lie upon the table. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson.

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker,—

The SPEAKER: The Chair must remind the Member that the matter is not debatable. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the purpose I had in mind was to oppose that order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the question is not debatable. What is the purpose for which the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson, rises?

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division of the House.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is to table the

Order presented by the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar. The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson, moves that the vote be by division. All those in favor of the motion will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

Mr. DUNHAM (of Ellsworth): Mr. Speaker,—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker, I am somewhat confused as to just what is before the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, rises for a point of information and his point is for the motion now pending before the House. The Chair will state that the motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar,

that the Order which he has presented be tabled and all those in favor of tabling the Order will rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Ninety-one having voted in the affirmative and twenty-six having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Order was tabled pending passage.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there is no further business for the House to consider today, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.