

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Friday, January 26, 1951

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

Prayer by Capt. John Knight of Waterville, Chaplain Air National Guard.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Promote the Topographic Mapping of Maine in Co-operation with the United States Geological Survey" (S. P. 87) (L. D. 141)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve authorizing Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to Convey Certain Land in Eastbrook to Fred A. DeMeyer (S. P. 89) (L. D. 142)

Resolve authorizing Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to Convey Certain Land in Eastbrook to Edgar S. Gordon (S. P. 90) (L. D. 143)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relative to Motor Vehicle Registration" (S. P. 91) (L. D. 144)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mellon Hanigan, of Houlton (S. P. 112)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Welfare.

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

From the Senate:

The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that any town clerk may, upon written request to the document clerk, receive without charge copies of all printed bills so that there may be available to the public, during the legislative session, a complete and convenient file of all printed bills. (S. P. 113)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed 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:

**Appropriations and Financial
Affairs**

Resolve Restoring Interest on Certain Trust Funds (H. P. 372) (Presented by Mr. Taylor of Norridgewock)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Ivan M. and Arthur Scott of Waldoboro (H. P. 373) (Presented by Mr. Hussey of Windsor by request)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Litchfield (H. P. 374) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop)

Resolve in Favor of Waldo F. Weston of Dexter (H. P. 375) (Presented by Mr. Roberts of Dexter)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act increasing Mill Tax for University of Maine" (H. P. 376) (Presented by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to provide Training to Organized Fire Companies" (H. P. 377) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve in favor of the Town of Arrowsic (H. P. 378) (Presented by Mr. Bailey of Woolwich)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Lee (H. P. 379) (Presented by Mr. Cobb of Lee)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bridgton (H. P. 380) (Presented by Mr. March of Bridgton)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Permits to Hunt and Fish for Members of the Armed Services of the United States" (H. P. 382) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone.)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act creating Placentia Island, Hancock County, as a Game Preserve" (H. P. 383) (Presented by Mr. Phillips of Southwest Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act creating Sutton Island, Hancock County, as a Game Preserve." (H. P. 384) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Salmon, Trout, Togue and White Perch" (H. P. 385) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Resolve Granting a Pension to Mildred S. Dow of Scarboro (H. P. 386) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Perry School District" (H. P. 387) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Robbinston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Swanville School District" (H. P. 388) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Boilers, Air Tanks and Unfired Pressure Vessels" (H. P. 389) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Resolve Changing the Name of No Name Pond (H. P. 390) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, this will probably not be a major piece of legislation but I notice the absence from his seat of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote.

In order that we may study this over the weekend and really find out what the story is, I move that it lie on the table and be specially assigned for Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, moves that Resolve Changing the Name of No Name Pond, H. P. 390, lie on the table until Tuesday next.

All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail and the Resolve was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act creating the Richmond Utilities District" (H. P. 391) (Presented by Mr. Jones of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the Town of Brunswick" (H. P. 392) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes on Class B" (H. P. 393) (Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act to provide Fire Protection for Connor Township" (H. P. 394) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to provide for the Surrender by Dead River Plantation of Its Organization" (H. P. 395) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to provide for the Surrender by Flagstaff Plantation of Its Organization" (H. P. 396) (Presented by same gentleman) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses to Operate Motor Driven Cycles" (H. P. 397) (Presented by Mr. West of Stockton Springs) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Resolve providing for State Pension for William Carleton, of Winterport (H. P. 398) (Presented by Mr. West of Stockton Springs)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Thomas Norman Whitcomb, of Searsport (H. P. 399) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Marlene Smart, of Prospect (H. P. 400) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

The following paper from the Senate was received out of order and under suspension of the rules.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 30, 1951, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 125)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the order was read and passed in concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Lovely of Westfield, it was

ORDERED, that Councillor Lee C. Good be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Friday, February 9, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Everett E. Pender of Friendship be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House Thursday, February 8, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Roundy of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Cornelius E. Clark of Portland, minister of

the Congregational Christian Conference be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 14, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, it was

ORDERED, that Senate Paper No. 28, "An Act Relating to the Powers of Tax Assessors" be printed.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Disclosure Commissioners" (H. P. 59) (L. D. 25)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

MR. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I have been misunderstood so many times, both at home and abroad, that one more time may make little difference but yesterday, on the calendar, there appeared as introduced by me the so-called state property tax.

From the introduction of that measure, certain newspapers drew erroneous conclusions. The bill was introduced by me in my capacity as House Chairman of the Committee on Taxation, first, because the bill has to be introduced and, second, because, in any event, it may be assumed that the state property tax might be necessary as a method of taxing the unorganized towns.

Therefore, I should like the record to show that the introduction of the measure by me is a technical move in procedure and involves no recommendation whatever on my part.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. If there is no further business for the House to consider this day, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 30, 1951, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon.