

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**

**OF THE**

*Ninety-Sixth Legislature*

**OF THE**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**1953**

**DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

**SENATE**

Thursday, January 8, 1953.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Tom G. Akeley of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Orders****(Out of Order)**

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, 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 Tuesday, January 13, 1953, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 9)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Burton M. Cross and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current years of 1953 and 1954. (S. P. 10)

The President appointed:

Senators: SINCLAIR of Somerset  
KAVANAGH of Androscoggin  
BUTLER of Franklin

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Joint select Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the Governor's Message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees. (S. P. 11)

The President appointed:

Senators: COLLINS of Aroostook  
BROGGI of York  
CHASE of Cumberland

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, it was

ORDERED, that three thousand copies of the Governor's Message be printed.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House jointly prepare the Senate and House Register, and that 5,000 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature. (S. P. 12)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Fuller of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the desk, chair, table and personal files of Frederick G. Payne, used by him as Governor of Maine, be presented to him as a gift from the Ninety-sixth Legislature. (S. P. 17)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of 50 calls, of reasonable duration, from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member and officer of the Senate and House be provided with a card to be certified to by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively, the cost of this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates; and be it further

ORDERED, that free telegraph service be provided to each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of twenty messages of reasonable length, from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member and officer of the Senate and House be provided with a card, to be certified by the

Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House; the cost of this service to be paid to Western Union Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates. (S. P. 18)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Hanson of Washington, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, be authorized to furnish to the Superintendent of Public Printing, postage on all correspondence relative to advertising committee hearings during the present session, same to be charged to legislative expense. (S. P. 13)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Harding of Knox, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish each member and officer of the Senate during the present session with two daily newspapers printed in the State, as each member and officer may direct.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the members and officers of the Legislature be furnished with express and parcel transportation for all packages and department reports in a sum not exceeding \$5.00 for each member and officer thereof, and that such transportation be furnished and expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, and the unexpended balance at the close of the year 1953 shall be available for use in 1955. (S. P. 14)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Chase of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, be authorized to furnish wrappers and postage stamps for each member and officer of the Senate and House, not exceeding \$5.00 in amount each, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the Departments of State and other public documents such as they may desire to mail to the citizens of the State. (S. P. 15)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Silsby of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation, amounts included in fortnightly lists, certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, and that the final pay rolls of such officers, end of the session, bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. (S. P. 16)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate purchase such stationery, office supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate.

Which was read and passed.

Mr. Sinclair for the Committee reported that the Committee had waited upon the Honorable Burton M. Cross, Governor-elect and that he was pleased to reply that he accepted the office and would attend on the Legislature at such time as may be designated for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him in the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of administering to the Honorable Sidney R. Batchelder, Leon M. Sanborn, J. Horace McClure, Arthur E. Ela, Donald Johnston, Harold Owen and Lester F. Crane, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties as Executive Councilors, and for the further purpose of administering to the Honorable Burton M. Cross, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary delivered the message and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned to him.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Pease, its Clerk, concurring in the proposition for a Joint Convention for the purpose of administering the oaths to the Executive Councilors and to the Governor-elect.

The Senate retired to the Hall of the House of Representatives where a Joint Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention see House Report.)

**In the Senate**

The Senate was called to order by the President.

**Order**

On motion by Mr. Fuller of Oxford, it was

ORDERED that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Forestry Department for Friday, January 9, 1953.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate for its consideration, the following assignments on Joint and Standing Committees:

Agriculture  
 Senators Fuller of Oxford  
 Tabb of Kennebec  
 Dow of Lincoln

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Senators Collins of Aroostook  
 Haskell of Penobscot  
 Sinclair of Somerset

Business Legislation

Senators Dennett of York  
 Chapman of Cumberland  
 Cummings of Sagadahoc

Claims

Senators Silsby of Hancock  
 Kavanagh of Androscoggin  
 Parker of Piscataquis

Correctional Institutions

Senators Greeley of Waldo  
 Hanson of Washington  
 Carpenter of Somerset

Education

Senators Broggi of York  
 Fuller of Oxford  
 Butler of Franklin

Highways

Senators Robbins of Aroostook  
 Greeley of Waldo  
 Dunham of Hancock

Inland Fish and Game

Senators Wight of Penobscot  
 Carpenter of Somerset  
 Weeks of Cumberland

Judiciary

Senators Reid of Kennebec  
 Ward of Penobscot  
 Harding of Knox

Labor

Senators Ward of Penobscot  
 Reid of Kennebec  
 St. Pierre of Androscoggin

Legal Affairs

Senators Chapman of Cumberland  
 Weeks of Cumberland  
 Silsby of Hancock

Liquor Control

Senators Tabb of Kennebec  
 Dennett of York  
 Boucher of Androscoggin

Natural Resources

Senators Butler of Franklin  
 Chase of Cumberland  
 Littlefield of York

Public Health

Senators Kavanagh of Androscoggin  
 Hanson of Washington  
 Jamieson of Aroostook

Public Buildings and Parks  
 Senators Carter of Oxford  
 Sinclair of Somerset  
 St. Pierre of Androscoggin

Public Utilities  
 Senators Harding of Knox  
 Collins of Aroostook  
 Squire of Kennebec

Sea and Shore Fisheries  
 Senators Brown of Washington  
 Littlefield of York  
 Dow of Lincoln

Taxation  
 Senators Chase of Cumberland  
 Wight of Penobscot  
 Carter of Oxford

Towns and Counties  
 Senators Weeks of Cumberland  
 Ward of Penobscot  
 Broggi of York

Transportation  
 Senators Haskell of Penobscot  
 Cummings of Sagadahoc  
 Jamieson of Aroostook

Veterans and Military Affairs  
 Senators Squire of Kennebec  
 Brown of Washington  
 Fuller of Oxford

Welfare  
 Senators Dunham of Hancock  
 Parker of Piscataquis  
 Boucher of Androscoggin

The PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate that the joint standing committees as read be now approved? It is a vote.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to suggest to the membership of the Senate the two standing committees of the Senate:

Bills In The Second Reading  
 Senators Weeks of Cumberland  
 Broggi of York  
 Wight of Penobscot  
 Robbins of Aroostook

Engrossed Bills  
 Senators Fuller of Oxford  
 Dennett of York  
 Reid of Kennebec  
 Chase of Cumberland  
 Harding of Knox  
 Haskell of Penobscot  
 Sinclair of Somerset  
 Brown of Washington  
 Silsby of Hancock  
 Butler of Franklin  
 Dow of Lincoln  
 Boucher of Androscoggin

The PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate that these standing committees be approved? It is a vote.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state for the information of the Senate that the order passed earlier this morning relative to time of adjournment has been returned in concurrence by the House and the Chair now recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haskell.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 13, 1953, at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.