

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Thursday, January 22, 1953.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. John A. Barker of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Joint Order**  
(Out of Order)

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented the following order, out of order and under suspension of the rules, and moved its passage.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 27, 1953, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 66)

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, this adjournment order which calls us back next Tuesday morning instead of Tuesday afternoon is offered to the Senate with the hope that by coming back in the morning instead of late in the afternoon, such committees as may wish Tuesday hearings can more likely have good committee attendance.

Probably of more importance, the order is offered in the hope that if the whole legislature spends Tuesday afternoon here, maybe some of us will get into Mr. Slosberg's office and dig out of the files a substantial number of bills that Mr. Slosberg has prepared for us, and those of you who are interested in expediting the session, I am sure will recognize that until those bills come out and into the hopper and on the calendar, it is pretty difficult for committee chairmen to schedule worthwhile hearings. I hope the order has passage and I am more hopeful that Tuesday around here will put more bills on the calendar.

The motion prevailed and the order received a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**From the House**  
**Joint Resolution**

WHEREAS, an honored General of our United States Army and one who has already given distinguished service to our country and its people, has been destined by fate to be our thirty-fourth president;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine, in the Legislature assembled, hereby expresses its sense of appreciation for the eminent leadership, which many of the members of this Legislature have already had an opportunity to observe in the field of military service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be spread upon the records of this Legislature an appreciation of the high esteem for the fine manhood, splendid ability and lofty purpose of Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, and that a message of congratulations be sent to him from this Legislature together with its best wishes for his health and prosperity and the continued honor and greatness of our common country. (H. P. 85)

Which was read and adopted in concurrence.

**Referred to Committees**

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Bonds of the State to Refund Kennebec Bridge Loan Bonds." (H. P. 40) (L. D. 41)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Cushing." (H. P. 41) (L. D. 42)

"Resolve in Favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for Support and Maintenance of 'Montpelier.'" (H. P. 42) (L. D. 43)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Medway." (H. P. 63)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Closing Little Lary Brook and Evans Brook, Oxford County, to All Fishing." (H. P. 43) (L. D. 44)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Laws of Divorce." (H. P. 44) (L. D. 45)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Adoption of Persons." (H. P. 45) (L. D. 46)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Household Finance Company of Maine." (H. P. 46) (L. D. 47)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Form of Unregistered State Bonds." (H. P. 47) (L. D. 48)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation for Total Incapacity Under Workmen's Compensation Law." (H. P. 48) (L. D. 49)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind." (H. P. 49) (L. D. 50)

"Resolve Relating to the Schoolhouse in Indian Township, near Princeton." (H. P. 61) (L. D. 51)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Merle Merrill, of Montville." (H. P. 81)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Melvin S. Belden, of Palermo." (H. P. 82)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Dudley Howard, of Searsmont." (H. P. 83)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Helen Robbins, of Rockland." (H. P. 84)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Town's Share in Aid to Dependent Children." (H. P. 80) (L. D. 75)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

"Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Millinocket for Supplies Furnished the Warren Dorr Family." (H. P. 62) (L. D. 59)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow in Penobscot County." (H. P. 64) (L. D. 60)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Porter Lake, Franklin County." (H. P. 65) (L. D. 61)

"Resolve Relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County." (H. P. 66) (L. D. 62)

Which were severally referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Proof of Agency by Registration of Motor Vehicle Involved in Accident on Public Way." (H. P. 67) (L. D. 63)

Bill "An Act Relating to Joint Tenancies between Husband and Wife." (H. P. 68) (L. D. 64)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Appointment of Guardians and Conservators for Adults." (H. P. 69) (L. D. 65)

Bill "An Act Relating to Appointment of Trustee in Voluntary Trusts." (H. P. 70) (L. D. 66)

Bill "An Act Relating to Adoption of Persons." (H. P. 71) (L. D. 67)

Bill "An Act Relating to Oaths, Acknowledgments and Nominations of Guardians in Probate Court." (H. P. 72) (L. D. 68)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Town Dumps." (H. P. 73) (L. D. 69)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Capitol Island Village Corporation." (H. P. 74) (L. D. 70)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Power of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation to Install Parking Meters." (H. P. 75) (L. D. 71)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Use of the Prefix 'Dr.' by Optometrists." (H. P. 76) (L. D. 85)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Items of Business in Millinocket Town Meeting." (H. P. 77) (L. D. 72)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County." (H. P. 78) (L. D. 73)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of Probate, Lincoln County." (H. P. 79) (L. D. 74)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Providing for Construction of Dormitory at the University of Maine and Appropriating Moneys Therefor." (S. P. 47)

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the same ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ward of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Time of Maturity of Negotiable Instruments." (S. P. 57)

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I am privileged to say that the Chairman of the Committee on Business Legislation concurs with the representative of the Committee on Reference of Bills that this bill should be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed. I so move.

The motion prevailed, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Tabb of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers." (S. P. 58)

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act Relating to Limitation for Injuries by Defect in Highways." (S. P. 59)

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Mortgages and Other Disposition of Corporate Property." (S. P. 60)

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act Relating to Financial Responsibility." (S. P. 61)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the same ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation for Specified Injuries under the Workmen's Compensation Law." (S. P. 62)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation Benefits under Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 63)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Labor and the same ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Recording of Contracts for Conditional Sale of Railroad Equipment." (S. P. 64)

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Relating to Railroad Grade Crossings." (S. P. 65)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and the same ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate: Senate Order Requesting the Opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court re Reapportionment of Representatives, tabled on January 20th by the Senator from Knox, Senator Harding, pending motion for passage by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chase, and today assigned.

Mr. Harding of Knox presented Senate Amendment A to the order and moved its adoption:

"Amend said Order by inserting after the word 'reference' in the fourth paragraph, fourth line, 'by reason of failure of House and Senate to agree upon a bill for that purpose as shown by the Legislative Record.'"

Mr. CHASE of Cumberland: Mr. President, the amendment as offered by the Senator from Knox, Senator Harding, is satisfactory to me and I hope it will be adopted and that the order will pass as amended.

Thereupon Senate Amendment A to the Order was adopted and the Order as so amended received passage.

Mr. Reid of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President, I was unable yesterday to arrive in the Senate Chamber in time to hear the remarks of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chase, and I simply want to go on record as concurring heartily with what he said. In my opinion there is no reason whatever why the Research Committee should have published the Bird report instead of doing what it did which was to hand it over to the Legislature to

do whatever the Legislature thought should be done with it.

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The PRESIDENT: The Senate is proceeding under Orders of the Day. Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to take up out of order and under suspension of the rules an additional paper from the House just received from the House?

Bill "An Act Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes."

Comes from the House having been referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the Senate, the bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

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The PRESIDENT: The Senate is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

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On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot,

Adjourned until Tuesday next, January 27, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.