

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*Ninety-Seventh Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1955

DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL  
Augusta, Maine

**HOUSE**

Wednesday, January 5, 1955

In convention of the members-elect of the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

This day being the day designated by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Hall of the House at ten o'clock A. M. and were called to order by Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the House of 1953.

Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Mr. Frederick D. Hayes of Auburn.

The members-elect stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

**Communication**

The following communication from the Secretary of State was read by the Clerk:

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

To Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Legislature:

In compliance with Section 1 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Representatives-elect to the Ninety-seventh Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council under date of October 6, 1954:

**ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY**

Leslie E. Jacobs	Auburn
Willis A. Trafton, Jr.	Auburn
Robert G. Wade	Auburn
Albert E. Cote	Lewiston
Paul A. Couture	Lewiston
Arthur J. Dumais, Jr.	Lewiston
Emile J. Jacques	Lewiston
Ernest Malenfant	Lewiston
Raymond C. Beal	Lisbon
Willard E. Riley	Livermore Falls
Ralph E. Abbott	Mechanic Falls
Philip E. Dunn	Poland
Frank M. Bowie	Durham

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY**

Ezra James Briggs	Caribou
John H. Reed	Fort Fairfield
Augusta K. Christie	Presque Isle
Norman R. Rogerson	Houlton
Fritz C. Soule	Merrill

Louis F. Finemore	Bridgewater
Arnold G. Storm	Sherman
Harry R. Williams	Hodgdon
Ernest E. Getchell	Limestone
John P. Madore	Van Buren
Harvey W. Cook	Portage Lake
Harold Bragdon	Perham
Halsted C. Foss	Chapman
Rita C. Michaud	Madawaska
Irenece Cyr	Fort Kent
Claude L. Martin	Eagle Lake

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Arthur H. Charles	Portland
Dana W. Childs	Portland
Nathan C. Fay	Portland
Florence C. Files	Portland
John R. Gilmartin	Portland
Clifford E. McGlaulin	Portland
Rodney W. Roundy	Portland
Paul A. Davis	Westbrook
Ernest O. Porell	Westbrook
William G. Earles	South Portland
Jesse P. Fuller	South Portland
Henry G. Jones	South Portland
Frank C. Babineau	Brunswick
Adam Walsh	Brunswick
Ira C. Alden	Gorham
Orville B. Haughn	Bridgton
Benjamin S. Crockett	Freeport
Howard W. Call	Cumberland
Linwood R. Higgins	Scarborough
Harry F. Sanborn	Baldwin
Charles N. Anthoine	Windham
Carleton E. Edwards	Raymond
George R. Skolfield	Harpeswell
Carle D. Henry	North Yarmouth

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Fred A. Blanchard	Wilton
F. Perley Caswell	New Sharon
Hervey B. Jennings	Strong
Ray A. Harnden	Rangeley

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

Leon B. Roberts	Brooklin
Frank M. Pierce	Bucksport
Richard C. Willey	Ellsworth
Joseph T. Edgar	Bar Harbor
Jackson L. Reynolds	Mount Desert
Allan M. Butler	Franklin

**KENNEBEC COUNTY**

Henry R. Albert	Augusta
Fred R. Lord	Augusta
Albert L. Bernier	Waterville
James A. Coyne	Waterville
Percy K. Hanson	Gardiner
Wallace Woodworth	Benton
William T. Dostie	Winslow
Guy R. Allen	Chelsea
Howard L. Fuller	China
Walter H. Martin	West Gardiner
Robert W. Maxwell	Winthrop

Fred B. Wadleigh Mt. Vernon  
George D. Pullen Oakland

## KNOX COUNTY

Dorothy G. Lawry Rockland  
Carl M. Stilphen Rockland  
Ralph E. Winchenpaw Friendship  
Leroy M. McCluskey Warren  
Kendric L. Libby Camden  
Sherman F. Baird North Haven

## LINCOLN COUNTY

E. Ashley Walter, Jr. Waldoboro  
Raymond R. Greenleaf  
Boothbay Harbor  
Carl W. Hilton Bremen

## OXFORD COUNTY

Raymond D. Howard Dixfield  
Lucia M. Cormier Rumford  
Peter M. MacDonald Rumford  
Chester J. Cole Sumner  
Bessie L. Mann Paris  
Emma Ford Waterford  
Walter L. Olpe Brownfield  
Norman K. Ferguson Hanover

## PENOBSCOT COUNTY

Robert L. Browne Bangor  
John T. Quinn Bangor  
James S. Stanley Bangor  
James C. Totman Bangor  
Fred H. Lindsay Brewer  
Alexander J. Latno Old Town  
Otis J. Roberts, Sr. Dexter  
Dudley E. Carter Newport  
John E. Carter Etna  
N. Harold Rich Charleston  
Leslie H. Stanley Hampden  
John H. Needham Orono  
Howard P. Walls Millinocket  
Clifford K. Hatfield Orrington  
James T. Dudley Enfield  
Eugene Dicker Lakeville Plantation  
Raymond P. Potter Medway

## PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

Maurice D. Anderson Greenville  
Milan Ross Brownville  
George W. Sanford Dover-Foxcroft  
Warren A. Brockway Milo

## SAGadahoc COUNTY

Louis O. Couture Bath  
Rodney E. Ross, Jr. Bath  
Cleveland P. Curtis Bowdoinham  
John L. Jack Topsham

## SOMERSET COUNTY

Edwin P. Whiting Skowhegan  
Elwood N. Osborne Fairfield  
Carl E. Cianchette Pittsfield  
Given L. Gardner Hartland  
Raymond A. Cote Madison  
Ellen E. Thomas Anson  
Steven D. Shaw Bingham

## WALDO COUNTY

Lewis F. Greene Belfast  
Russell B. Knight Searsmont  
Eben L. Elwell Brooks  
E. Carroll Bean Winterport

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

Elbridge B. Davis Calais  
Morton Arthur Lamb Eastport  
Lawrence E. Stanwood Steuben  
William C. Hanson Machiasport  
Edwin J. Cates East Machias  
Curtis I. Palmeter Meddybemps  
Sherman Denbow Lubec  
Clyde Brown Baileyville

## YORK COUNTY

Armand Duquette Biddeford  
Napoleon L. Nadeau Biddeford  
William R. Sansoucy Biddeford  
Harry R. Courtois Saco  
Raymond J. Letourneau Sanford  
J. Woodrow Vallery Sanford  
D. Raymond Flynn South Berwick  
Earl V. Bibber Kennebunkport  
Frank E. Hancock York  
Gordon E. Brewster Wells  
Clarence O. Kimball Dayton  
Archie F. Evans Cornish  
Mahlon W. Staples Newfield  
Arthur W. Seaward Kittery

IN TESTIMONY WHERE-  
OF I have caused the seal  
of the State to be herewith  
affixed at Augusta this fifth  
(Seal) day of January, A. D., 1955,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States of America  
the one hundred and seventy-  
ninth.

(Signed) Harold I. Goss  
Secretary of State

The Communication was received  
and placed on file.

For the purpose of ascertaining  
the presence of a quorum, a certi-  
fied roll of the Representatives-elect  
was then called by the Clerk of the  
Ninety-sixth Legislature.

The elected membership of the  
House being 151, 150 members-elect  
having answered to their names, a  
quorum was found to be present.

Absent: Mr. Hanson of Machias-  
port.

On motion of Mr. McGlaufflin of  
Portland

Messrs. McGLAUFFLIN of Portland  
ROBERTS of Brooklin  
FOSS of Chapman

ROSS of Brownville  
LETOURNEAU of Sanford  
VALLELY of Sanford  
COUTURE of Lewiston

were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-elect had assembled in the Representatives' Hall and request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. McGlaflin subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Representatives-elect for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

Thereupon, His Excellency, Governor Burton M. Cross, attended by his Council, entered the Hall where he assumed the Chair, amid the applause of the House, the members-elect rising.

The Governor then administered to the members-elect and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

GOVERNOR CROSS: Ladies and Gentlemen: This is a very familiar position for me and one which has given me much pleasure in the past, to have the opportunity to look down upon as fine a group of men and women as I do here today.

You have a heavy responsibility as members of a Maine Legislature and particularly so as a member of the Maine House. So, in your deliberations, I know that you will fairly represent the people of Maine. I know that you will consider all of the things which are necessary to decide and determine what is best for them and in their interests.

I do wish to say that I am thoroughly sympathetic with the problems which will confront you. I know what most of them will be, many of them are continuing and can not be solved at any one session but as you go forward in the next three or four months to expedite the laws of the State of Maine, I know that you will do so in its interest and with all of your ability and with your courage and initiative. So I will

only wish you God speed and good luck and say to you that as Burt Cross, citizen, if there is anything that I can do for you you may be sure that you have only to call upon me. Thank you very much.

The Governor and his suite then retired amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Auburn  
Messrs. WADE of Auburn  
FERGUSON of Hanover  
DENBOW of Lubec  
Mrs. THOMAS of Anson  
Messrs. ANTHOINE of Windham  
JACQUES of Lewiston  
BEAL of Lisbon

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, it was voted that the Committee cast one ballot for Honorable Willis A. Trafton, Junior as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

Mr. Wade subsequently reported:  
Whole number of votes cast 1  
Necessary for a choice 1  
Willis A. Trafton, Jr. had 1  
and thereupon Honorable Willis A. Trafton, Jr. was declared duly elected as Speaker of the House of the Ninety-seventh Legislature. (Applause)

Speaker Trafton was then escorted to the rostrum by the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, where he assumed the Chair amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Ninety-seventh Legislature: This moment is both a thrilling and a sobering one for me. The honor you confer and the duties you impose can not be treated lightly. I deeply appreciate the friendship and the confidence in me that you have expressed and I shall endeavor with your loyal assistance and to the best of my ability to preside fairly and maintain that harmony that will make your labors enjoyable.

We live today in an ever-expanding world, conscious of the wider horizons which science has brought

to each of us. This morning, as newly-elected legislators, we also sense a greater opportunity and power to help and aid our fellow citizens. Let us make the most of the challenging opportunity to co-operate together regardless of party that all of the citizens of Maine may better co-operate with each other. Let us make sound additions to our political economy and not merely construct a sham front.

Of you I would request patience, forbearance and the privilege to have you confer with me in the Speaker's office as well as to serve you here on the rostrum.

To each of you, I would pledge my steadfast efforts to preside in the tradition of the many fine men who have preceded me here. To each and every one of you my sincere thanks. (Applause)

The Chair awaits the pleasure of the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Seaward. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. SEAWARD: Mr. Speaker, since the year 1941, it has been the pleasure and the custom of Honorable Lucius E. B. Seegar of Kittery Point to make and have presented to the Speaker of the House a gavel. At the Ninety-sixth session of the Legislature, it gave me quite a thrill to have the opportunity to present to the Speaker of the House, my very good friend, the Honorable Roswell Bates, one of these gavels. So at this Ninety-seventh session it also gives me a great deal of pleasure in behalf of Honorable Lucius E. B. Seegar, my fellow townsman, to present you with this gavel, an emblem of authority, and knowing you as I do, I am convinced that you will use it impartially and wisely.

At this time, a message was received from the Senate borne by Senator Reid that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of Honorable Robert N. Haskell as President, Chester T. Winslow as Secretary and Waldo Clark as Assistant Secretary, and that the Senate was ready to transact such business as might come before it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair receives this very attractive gavel and

requests the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Seaward, to convey not only the Chair's personal appreciation but the appreciation of the House for the fine gesture which Honorable Lucius Seegar, former Representative, has made over these years. The Chair will endeavor to use this gavel fairly and impartially as it knows Mr. Seegar would wish.

Will the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Seaward, kindly express the thanks of the Chair for this token on behalf of the House. Thank you.

Mr. SEAWARD: Mr. Speaker, it will be a pleasure to deliver your message to the Honorable Mr. Seegar.

On motion of Mr. Hilton of Bremen  
Messrs. HILTON of Bremen  
WILLIAMS of Hodgdon  
EDGAR of Bar Harbor  
COUTURE of Bath  
Mrs. FILES of Portland  
Messrs. KINCH of Livermore Falls  
LAMB of Eastport

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, it was voted that the Committee cast one ballot for Honorable Harvey R. Pease of Wiscasset as Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

Thereupon, the Chairman of the Committee cast one ballot for Honorable Harvey R. Pease of Wiscasset as Clerk of the House and that gentleman was declared duly elected as Clerk of the House of the Ninety-seventh Legislature. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Greene of Belfast

Messrs. GREENE of Belfast  
BREWSTER of Wells  
Miss MANN of West Paris  
Messrs. WINCHENPAW  
of Friendship  
BROWN of Baileyville  
NADEAU of Biddeford  
WALLS of Millinocket

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, it was voted that the Committee cast one ballot for Mrs. E. May Chapman as Assistant Clerk of the

House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

Thereupon, the Chairman of the Committee cast one ballot for Mrs. E. May Chapman as Assistant Clerk of the House and that gentlewoman was declared duly elected as Assistant Clerk of the House of the Ninety-seventh Legislature. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Jacobs of Auburn  
Messrs. JACOBS of Auburn  
BROCKWAY of Milo  
DICKER  
of Lakeville Plantation  
Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle  
Messrs. LINDSAY of Brewer  
DUDLEY of Enfield  
WALSH of Brunswick

were appointed a committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House by the election of Willis A. Trafton, Jr. as Speaker, Harvey R. Pease as Clerk and E. May Chapman as Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Jacobs subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned it.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, that gentleman was instructed to convey the same information to the Senate and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, that gentleman conducted the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Governor to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk had taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Thereupon Harvey R. Pease, Clerk, and E. May Chapman, Assistant Clerk, appeared and entered upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Rockland, Miss Lawry, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

The SPEAKER: May it be entered on the record that both the Governor and the Senate have been informed of the organization of the House and the committees appointed to carry out their tasks have so reported.

It has been called to the attention of the Chair that in the balcony of the House are eight German-educated guests of the Department of Education, who are observing, today, their first American governmental body.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to them a hearty and cordial welcome. (Applause)

On motion of Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle, it was

ORDERED, that Charles S. Hulbert of Patten be Sergeant-at-Arms and Harry I. Rollins of Belfast be Assistant Sergeant - at - Arms; that Riley M. Campbell of Guilford be Document Clerk, Clarence P. Chase of Belgrade be Doorkeeper, and that Dana Dogherty of Augusta and Harland H. Ryder of Dresden be Pages.

### Communication

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE

Augusta, Maine  
January 5, 1955

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes cast for Representatives to the Legislature in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the general election held on September 13, A. D., 1954.

Respectfully,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS  
Secretary of State

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

Auburn

Leslie E. Jacobs	4,117
Willis A. Trafton, Jr.	4,501
Robert G. Wade	4,218
Arthur H. Blouin	2,540
Normand R. Dumont	2,457
Howard C. Jordan, Sr.	2,620

<b>Lewiston</b>	
Albert E. Cote	9,367
Paul A. Couture	9,185
Arthur J. Dumais, Jr.	9,308
Emile J. Jacques	9,093
Ernest Malenfant	9,244

<b>Lisbon</b>	
Marshall B. Nute	436
Raymond C. Beal	698

<b>Livermore, Livermore Falls</b>	
Willard E. Riley,	
Livermore Falls	718
William L. Kinch,	
Livermore Falls	724

<b>Mechanic Falls, Minot, Turner</b>	
Ralph E. Abbott, Mechanic Falls	937

<b>Greene, Poland, Wales</b>	
Philip E. Dunn, Poland	526

<b>Durham, Leeds, Webster</b>	
Frank M. Bowie, Durham	547
Herbert F. Guenther, Durham	422

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY**

<b>Caribou</b>	
Norman A. Currier	863
Ezra James Briggs	1,204

<b>Fort Fairfield</b>	
John H. Reed	740
Daniel B. Russell	624

<b>Presque Isle</b>	
Augusta K. Christie	1,259
Orrin J. Bishop	904

<b>Houlton</b>	
Norman R. Rogerson	1,840

<b>Dyer Brook, Littleton, Ludlow, Merrill, New Limerick, Oakfield, Smyrna, Hammond Pl., Moro Pl.</b>	
Fritz C. Soule, Merrill	430
Laurel E. McNelly, Dyer Brook	223

<b>Blaine, Bridgewater, Mars Hill, Monticello, E Plantation</b>	
Louis F. Finemore, Bridgewater	615

<b>Benedicta, Crystal, Hersey, Island Falls, Sherman, Macwahoc Pl.</b>	
Arnold G. Storm, Sherman	336
James B. McDonald, Sherman	320

<b>Amity, Bancroft, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Linneus, Orient, Weston, Cary Pl., Glenwood Pl., Reed Pl.</b>	
Harry R. Williams, Hodgdon	427

<b>Limestone, Limestone Connor Dist., Stockholm, Caswell Pl., Cyr Pl., Hamlin Pl., Westmanland Pl.</b>	
Ernest E. Getchell, Limestone	449

<b>Grand Isle, Van Buren</b>	
Charles L. O'Connell, Van Buren	447
John P. Madore, Van Buren	600

<b>Ashland, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake, Garfield Pl., Nashville Pl., Oxbow Pl.</b>	
Harvey W. Cook, Portage Lake	483
Dean D. Soucy, Portage Lake	394

<b>New Sweden, Perham, Washburn, Woodland</b>	
Harold Bragdon, Perham	725

<b>Chapman, Easton, Mapieton, Wade, Westfield</b>	
Halsted C. Foss, Chapman	524
Fred L. Dinsmore, Easton	146

<b>Frenchville, Madawaska Saint Agatha</b>	
Rita C. Michaud, Madawaska	1,244

<b>Fort Kent, Wallagrass Pl.</b>	
Irenece Cyr, Fort Kent	755

<b>Eagle Lake, Allagash Pl., New Canada Pl., St. Francis Pl., St. John Pl., Winterville Pl.</b>	
Theodore R. Brown, Eagle Lake	354
Claude L. Martin, Eagle Lake	604

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

<b>Portland</b>	
Arthur H. Charles	9,467
Dana W. Childs	9,152
Nathan C. Fay	8,964
Florence C. Files	8,914
John R. Gilmartin	9,211
Clifford E. McGlaufflin	8,975
Rodney W. Roundy	8,947
William Joseph Fox	7,478
Earle R. Jordan, Sr.	7,377
Elsie M. Jordan	7,079
John L. Malia	7,535
Samuel A. Mangino	7,313
Leon R. Whitcomb	7,234

<b>Westbrook</b>	
Milton A. Philbrook	2,021
Robert L. Travis	2,075
Paul A. Davis	2,132
Ernest O. Porell	2,095

<b>South Portland</b>	
William G. Earles	3,315
Jesse P. Fuller	3,035
Henry G. Jones	3,154



Douglas P. MacVane 1,785  
Richard P. Twomey 1,922

**Brunswick**

Alfred M. Senter 1,375  
Louis R. Tondreau 1,293  
Frank C. Babineau 1,927  
Adam Walsh 2,146

**Gorham**

Ira C. Alden 872

**Bridgton**

Orville B. Haughn 577

**Freeport, Pownal**

Benjamin S. Crockett, Freeport 703  
George H. Malm, Freeport 584

**Cumberland, Falmouth**

Howard W. Call, Cumberland 1,607

**Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough**

Linwood R. Higgins, Scarborough 1,611  
James Gagan, Cape Elizabeth 581

**Baldwin, Sebago, Standish**

Harry F. Sanborn, Baldwin 658

**Harrison, Otisfield, Windham**

Charles N. Anthoine, Windham 833  
George H. Bromley, Windham 332

**Gray, New Gloucester, Raymond**

John T. Doughty, Gray 543  
Carleton E. Edwards, Raymond 682

**Casco, Harpswell, Naples**

George R. Skolfield, Harpswell 588

**North Yarmouth, Yarmouth**

Carle D. Henry, North Yarmouth 735

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**Jay, Wilton**

Fred A. Blanchard, Wilton 1,147  
Oscar N. Wilkins, Jay 1,040

**Chesterville, Farmington**

**New Sharon, Temple**

F. Perley Caswell, New Sharon 1,290  
Luther Whittier, Farmington 565

**Avon, Carthage, Industry, Madrid,  
New Vineyard, Phillips, Strong,  
Weld**

Hervey B. Jennings, Strong 679  
Raymond D. Norris, Strong 596

**Eustis, Kingfield, Rangeley,  
Coplin Pl., Dallas Pl., Rangeley,  
Pl., Sandy River Pl.**

Ray A. Harnden, Rangeley 569  
Charles W. Dyer, Eustis 324

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

**Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle,  
Sedgwick, Stonington**

Leon B. Roberts, Brooklin 596  
Walter H. Gray, Stonington 565

**Bucksport, Castine, Dedham,  
Orland, Penobscot, Verona**

Frank M. Pierce, Bucksport 953  
James G. Sawyer, Castine 581

**Bluehill, Ellsworth, Surry**

Richard C. Willey, Ellsworth 1,418  
Henry J. McGtigue, Bluehill 482

**Bar Harbor, Hancock, Trenton**

Joseph T. Edgar, Bar Harbor 967

**Cranberry Isles, Lamoine, Mount  
Desert, Tremont, Southwest  
Harbor, Swans' Island, Long  
Island Pl.**

Jackson L. Reynolds, Mount Desert 817

**Amherst, Aurora, Eastbrook, Frank-  
lin, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Otis,  
Sorrento, Sullivan, Waltham,  
Winter Harbor, Osborn Pl.,  
Plantation No. 33**

Allan M. Butler, Franklin 795

**KENNEBEC COUNTY**

**Augusta**

Henry R. Albert 3,685  
Fred R. Lord 3,754

**Waterville**

Arthur T. Eaton 2,436  
Samuel T. Horne 2,269  
Albert L. Bernier 4,048  
James A. Coyne 3,893

**Gardiner**

Percy K. Hanson 1,199

**Albion, Benton, Clinton**

Wallace Woodworth Benton 612

**Vassalboro, Winslow**

Carl B. Lord, Vassalboro 999  
William T. Dostie, Winslow 1,341

**Chelsea, Farmingdale**

Guy R. Allen, Chelsea 450

**China, Pittston, Randolph, Windsor**

Howard L. Fuller, China 837  
Michael A. Pierson, Randolph 427

**Hallowell, Manchester, West  
Gardiner**

Walter H. Martin, West Gardiner 913

Forrest L. Wakefield,  
West Gardiner 468

**Litchfield, Monmouth, Winthrop**

Robert W. Maxwell, Winthrop 1,092  
Marion E. Ricker, Monmouth 429

**Fayette, Mount Vernon, Readfield,  
Rome, Vienna, Wayne**

Fred B. Wadleigh, Mt. Vernon 596  
Waldo C. Lincoln, Wayne 326

**Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney**

George D. Pullen, Oakland 885  
Harold H. Page, Belgrade 617

**KNOX COUNTY**

**Rockland**

Dorothy G. Lawry 1,579  
Carl M. Stilphen 1,607  
Harry E. Fitzgerald 596  
Irving C. MacBride 573

**Cushing, Friendship, Owl's Head  
South Thomaston, Thomaston**

Ralph E. Winchenpaw,  
Friendship 724  
Arthur D. Henry, Thomaston 388

**Rockport, Union, Warren, Wash-  
ington**

Leroy M. McCluskey, Warren 849  
Leland F. Hawkins, Rockport 431

**Appleton, Camden, Hope**

Kendric L. Libby, Camden 1,010  
Howard T. Dearborn, Camden 652

**Isle-au-Haut, North Haven, St.  
George, Vinalhaven, Matinicus  
Isle Pl.**

Sherman F. Baird, North Haven 587

**LINCOLN COUNTY**

**Alna, Jefferson, Newcastle, Waldo-  
boro, Whitefield, Somerville Pl.**

E. Ashley Walter, Jr.,  
Waldoboro 1,452

**Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol,  
South Bristol, Southport,  
Monhegan Pl.**

Raymond R. Greenleaf,  
Boothbay Harbor 1,699

**Bremen, Damariscotta, Dresden,  
Edgecomb, Nobleboro, Westport,  
Wiscasset**

Carl W. Hilton, Bremen 1,369

**OXFORD COUNTY**

**Dixfield, Mexico**

Raymond D. Howard, Dixfield 799  
Augustine P. Bulger, Mexico 789

**Andover, Byron, Roxbury, Rumford**

Louis R. Hall, Andover 955  
H. Edmond Hanson, Rumford 1,078  
Lucia M. Cormier, Rumford 2,428  
Peter M. MacDonald, Rumford 2,169

**Buckfield, Canton, Hartford,  
Hebron, Peru, Sumner**

Chester J. Cole, Sumner 651  
William B. Austin, Peru 251

**Paris, Woodstock**

Bessie L. Mann, Paris 1,157  
Hartley E. Ward, Paris 390

**Lovell, Norway, Oxford, Waterford**

Emma Ford, Waterford 1,001  
Floy A. Towne, Norway 780

**Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg,  
Hiram, Porter, Sweden**

Walter L. Olpe, Brownfield 999

**Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover,  
Newry, Stoneham, Stow, Upton,  
Lincoln Pl., Magalloway Pl.**

Norman K. Ferguson, Hanover 734  
Inez M. Farrington, Stoneham 433

**PENOBSCOT COUNTY**

**Bangor**

Robert L. Browne 3,933  
John T. Quinn 4,116  
James S. Stanley 4,184  
James C. Totman 4,025  
E. Donald Finnegan 2,940  
LeRoy P. McCabe 2,505  
James P. O'Loughlin 2,651  
John E. Tucker 2,481

**Brewer**

Fred H. Lindsay 1,230  
James F. Pooler 778

**Old Town**

Raymond E. Hutchinson 842  
Alexander J. Latno 1,395

**Dexter, Garland**

Otis J. Roberts, Sr., Dexter 942  
Everett L. Noble, Dexter 519

**Corinna, Exeter, Newport, Stetson**

Dudley E. Carter, Newport 888  
Everett Anderson, Newport 456

**Carmel, Dixmont, Etna, Kenduskeag,  
Levant, Newburg, Plymouth**

John E. Carter, Etna 479  
Lawrence Leonard, Kenduskeag 248

**Alton, Bradford, Charleston, Corinth,  
Edinburg, Howland, Hudson,  
Lagrange, Maxfield,  
Seboeis Pl.**

N. Harold Rich, Charleston 680  
John F. Henderson, Howland 488

**Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon**  
 Leslie H. Stanley, Hampden 642  
**Milford, Orono**  
 John H. Needham, Orono 1,165

**Millinocket**  
 Edmund B. Reed, Jr. 764  
 Howard P. Walls 1,113

**Bradley, Clifton, Eddington, Greenbush, Greenfield, Holden, Orrington, Veazie**

Clifford K. Hatfield, Orrington 827

**Burlington, Enfield, Lincoln, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Grand Falls Pl.**

Louise Elizabeth Steeves, Lincoln 754  
 James T. Dudley, Enfield 869

**Chester, Lee, Mattawamkeag, Springfield, Winn, Woodville, Carroll Pl., Drew Pl., Lakeville Pl., Prentiss Pl., Webster Pl.**

Eugene Dicker, Lakeville Pl. 428  
 Memary G. Fancy, Winn 426

**East Millinocket, Medway, Patten, Mount Chase Pl., Stacyville**

Raymond P. Potter, Medway 597  
 Adrian Hunter, Mt. Chase Pl. 486

#### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

**Greenville, Monson, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic, Blanchard Pl., Elliottsville Pl., Kingsbury Pl.**  
 Maurice D. Anderson, Greenville 590

**Abbot, Bowerbank, Brownville, Guilford, Parkman, Barnard Pl.**

Milan Ross, Brownville 909

**Dover-Foxcroft, Sangerville**  
 George W. Sanford, Dover-Foxcroft 1,320

**Atkinson, Milo, Sebec, Lake View Pl.**  
 Warren A. Brockway, Milo 673  
 John C. McDonald, Milo 632

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY

**Bath**  
 Louis O. Couture 1,852  
 Rodney E. Ross, Jr. 1,986  
 Barbara L. Brewer 1,142  
 Harry E. Cooke 1,226

**Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Richmond**  
 Cleveland P. Curtis, Bowdoinham 761

**Arrowsic, Phippsburg, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich**  
 John L. Jack, Topsham 913  
 Kenneth L. Snowdon, West Bath 793

#### SOMERSET COUNTY

**Skowhegan**  
 Edwin P. Whiting 1,572

**Fairfield, Mercer, Smithfield**  
 Elwood N. Osborne, Fairfield 873  
 Leonel E. Rodrigue, Fairfield 759

**Cornville, Detroit, Palmyra, Pittsfield**  
 Mylan F. Rich, Detroit 864  
 Carl E. Cianchette, Pittsfield 886

**Cambridge, Canaan, Harmony, Hartland, Ripley, St. Albans**  
 Given L. Gardner, Hartland 781

**Athens, Madison, Solon**  
 Edward M. Robinson, Madison 867  
 Raymond A. Cote, Madison 1,023

**Anson, Embden, Norridgewock, Starks**  
 Ellen E. Thomas, Anson 575  
 Albert Brackett, Anson 539

**Bingham, Moscow, New Portland, Brighton Pl., Caratunk Pl., Dennistown Pl., Highland Pl., Jackman Pl., Moose River Pl., Pleasant Ridge Pl., The Forks Pl., West Forks Pl.**  
 Steven D. Shaw, Bingham 774

#### WALDO COUNTY

**Belfast**  
 Lewis F. Greene 1,109

**Belmont, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Northport, Palermo, Searsmont**  
 Russell B. Knight, Searsmont 975

**Brooks, Burnham, Jackson, Monroe, Swanville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity, Waldo**

Albert B. Payson, Brooks 670  
 Eben L. Elwell, Brooks 723

**Frankfort, Islesboro, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Winterport**  
 E. Carroll Bean, Winterport 890

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Calais**  
 Elbridge B. Davis 926  
 Samuel A. Saunders 638

**Eastport**

Archille Alfred Miliano 503  
Morton Arthur Lamb 520

**Addison, Beddington, Cherryfield, Columbia, Deblois, Harrington, Milbridge, Steuben**

Lawrence E. Stanwood, Steuben 910  
Merrill F. Drisko, Addison 614

**Beals, Columbia Falls, Cutler, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machiasport**

William C. Hanson, Machiasport 970

**Centerville, East Machias, Machias, Marshfield, Northfield, Roque Bluffs, Wesley, Whitneyville**

Edwin J. Cates, East Machias 766  
Robert L. Mallar, Machias 515

**Alexander, Charlotte, Cooper, Crawford, Dennysville, Meddybemps, Pembroke, Perry, Robbinston, No. 14 Pl.**

Curtis I. Palmeter, Meddybemps 511  
Orris McKeown, Crawford 377

**Lubec, Whiting**

Sherman Denbow, Lubec 1,144

**Baileyville, Danforth, Princeton, Talmadge, Vanceboro, Waite, Codyville Pl., Grand Lake Stream Pl., No. 21 Pl.**

Clyde Brown, Baileyville 809  
Bert C. McLaughlin, Danforth 569

**YORK COUNTY****Biddeford**

Armand Duquette 6,148  
Napoleon L. Nadeau 6,111  
William R. Sansoucy 6,110

**Saco**

Peter A. Garland 1,710  
Harry R. Courtois 1,918

**Sanford**

Richard G. Lamb 2,117  
A. Warren McDougal 2,149  
Raymond J. Letourneau 3,800  
J. Woodrow Valley 3,994

**Berwick, So. Berwick**

D. Raymond Flynn, South Berwick 1,085  
Paul Chabot, Berwick 424

**Kennebunk, Kennebunkport**

Earl V. Bibber, Kennebunkport 1,607  
Frank H. Bradbury, Kennebunkport 410

**North Kennebunkport, Old Orchard Beach, York**

Frank E. Hancock, York 1,905  
Steven G. Leonard, Old Orchard Beach 1,391

**Lebanon, No. Berwick, Wells**

Gordon E. Brewster, Wells 1,176  
Alfred L. Nutter, North Berwick 510

**Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Lyman**

Clarence O. Kimball, Dayton 737  
Roy F. Meserve, Dayton 526

**Cornish, Limerick, Limington, Parsonsfield**

Archie F. Evans, Cornish 771

**Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro**

Mahlon W. Staples, Newfield 921

**Eliot, Kittery**

Arthur W. Seaward, Kittery 2,105

The Communication was thereupon referred to the Committee on Elections to be appointed.

On motion of Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport, it was

ORDERED, that Raymond O. Gidney, Jr. of Augusta, be the Official Reporter of the House; and that he be authorized to procure the services of an Assistant Reporter and two Transcribing Clerks during the present session for the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record.

A message was received from the Senate borne by Secretary Winslow proposing a session of the two branches of the Legislature to be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and seven Executive Councilors, and for the further purpose of receiving from His Excellency, Governor Burton M. Cross, such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Thereupon, the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention and the Clerk was instructed to convey the message to the Senate.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs of Auburn, it was

ORDERED, that the Bureau of Purchases be directed to furnish on requisition of the Clerk of the House, such stationery, office supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the House.

On motion of Mr. McCluskey of Warren, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to maintain in his office an alphabetical index of all matters before the Legislature, and a legislative docket showing all action taken on all matters before the Legislature; the necessary additional clerical assistance to be employed by the Clerk with the approval of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Albert of Augusta, it was

ORDERED, that each member and officer of the House be furnished with one copy each of two daily newspapers published in the State, to be selected by them.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the remaining subordinate officers of the House be appointed as follows: By the Speaker, a Secretary to the Speaker; by the Clerk, two Secretaries to the Clerk, a Secretary to the Assistant Clerk, Legislative Docket Clerk, Assistant Legislative Docket Clerk, a Journal Copy Clerk and a Messenger to operate the Public Address System; and that he be authorized to fill vacancies.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member at the opening of each daily session.

On motion of Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport, it was

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Medway, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to secure uniforms for the subordinate officers of the House.

On motion of Mr. Roundy of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to invite the Clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. MacGlaulin of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Legislature be adopted for the government of this House.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, by unanimous consent, the order of business as provided by the rules just adopted was dispensed with for the remainder of today and the House proceeded under orders of the day and the introduction and consideration of orders and consideration of papers from the Senate was in order during the remainder of today's session.

### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time would like to announce certain appointments: As Secretary to the Speaker, Mrs. Joan Gerald of Augusta.

As Monitors of the House, the following gentlemen: Monitor of the first division, the gentleman from Lakeville Plantation, Mr. Dicker; Monitor of the second division, the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce; Monitor of the third division, the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Jennings; Monitor of the fourth section, the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Couture.

The Chair would call the attention of the monitors to Rules 6 and 7 of the Rules of the House, which are as follows: The monitors' duties shall be to see to the observance of the Rules of the House and, on demand of the Speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division.

Rule 7: "If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the House, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the House."

The Chair requests those gentlemen to take their appointed seats in their respective divisions at the next convening of this House.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 96th Legislature be the Joint Rules of this Legislature with the exception of Joint Rule 1, which shall be amended by adding to the Committee on Reference of Bills one additional member on the part of the Senate and one additional member on the part of the House. (S. P. 2)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the members of the House proceed with selection of seats; that a choice of seats be granted to Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders of the majority and minority parties; that the usual monitors' seats be reserved for the monitors appointed by the Speaker; that re-elected members be granted the seats occupied by them at the last session or their choice of seats; that the lady members be given a choice of their seats; that those members who have physical defects other than impaired hearing be given a choice of seats and that the remaining seats be drawn by the members.

Thereupon, the House Members proceeded to draw their seats.

#### House at Ease

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair wishes to call the attention of the members to Rule 10 of the House Rules: "The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session shall be his dur-

ing the session, unless he shall have leave of the Speaker to change it and no other person shall be permitted to occupy a member's seat at any time during a session of the House."

Now, the members this morning have received seat numbers. Some of those members who drew them by lots may prefer a different number from the one they drew. It is the privilege of the members to exchange with any other member until the time comes to turn in the seat numbers and obtain the locker keys. The Chair will request that all members kindly make any exchanges, find the seats of their choice as best they can, and turn in these little blue cards which they received in the envelope to the Clerk's office before ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

The card should be signed and when the members turn them in to the Sergeant-at-Arms, next to the Speaker's office, at the desk in the corner of this Hall, he will give the members keys for their lockers.

Apparently some member has taken more than one number, for there are two or three short. If any member has drawn two seat numbers, the Chair will request that he kindly return those seat numbers to the Clerk's office.

We are proceeding under Orders of the Day. Is there any further business to come before the House at this time?

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Bucksport, the House recessed until 2:00 P.M., E.S.T.

#### Afternoon Session

2:00 P.M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request that, at the end of today's session, the three members who did not obtain seat numbers see the Clerk of the House and obtain their numbers.

The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for Gover-

nor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years 1955 and 1956 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join (S. P. 1)

Came from the Senate read and passed and with the following members appointed on its part:

Messrs. COLLINS of Aroostook  
CARPENTER of Somerset  
CHAPMAN of Cumberland  
BROWN of Washington  
BOYKER of Oxford  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin  
FOURNIER of York

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence and the Chair appointed the following members on the part of the House:

Messrs. ROUNDY of Portland  
WINCHENPAW  
of Friendship  
NEEDHAM of Old Town  
SANBORN of Baldwin  
WHITING of Sknowhegan  
DUMAIS of Lewiston  
PORELL of Westbrook

From the Senate: The following communication: (S. P. 7)

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Augusta, Maine  
January 5, 1955

To the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh Legislature of the State of Maine:

In compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes cast for Governor in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the general election held on September 13, 1954.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS  
Secretary of State

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Gubernatorial Vote.

In the House, the communication was read and referred to the Committee on Gubernatorial Vote in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred twenty-five (325) copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1955 be printed and bound, one copy for each of the members of the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that four hundred (400) copies of the Legislative Record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to members of the Legislature and the Departments, under the direction of the Document Clerk, and be it further

ORDERED, that suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House (S. P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House (S. P. 4)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby given charge of all assignments of rooms for hearings in the Capitol Building, and that all applications for rooms for hearings must be made to him in writing, forty-eight hours previous to the time when said rooms are to be used for that purpose (S. P. 5)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Communication

The following communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE

Augusta, Maine  
January 5, 1955

To Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Legislature:

In compliance with Section 1 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, I herewith report that Emma Ford

of Waterford, having been regularly nominated as a candidate for Representative to the Legislature from the class towns of Lovell, Norway, Oxford and Waterford at the Primaries of June 21, 1954 and having been elected at the regular biennial election held September 13, 1954 as a Representative to the Ninety-seventh Legislature from said legislative class, died on September 26, 1954, which death would create a vacancy in the representation from said legislative class.

I further report that a Special Election was held in the class towns of Lovell, Norway, Oxford and Waterford on November 15, 1954 to fill said vacancy in accordance with the provisions of Section 73 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes and that Harold S. Pike of Waterford, having received a plurality of votes cast in said election in the said class towns according to a canvass of the returns made by the Governor and Council under date of November 24, 1954, appears to have been elected a Representative to the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

I further report that Ralph E. Abbott of Mechanic Falls having been nominated as a candidate for Representative to the Legislature from the class towns of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Turner at the Primaries of June 21, 1954 and having been elected at the regular biennial election held September 13, 1954 as a Representative to the Ninety-seventh Legislature from said legislative class, tendered the attached resignation on September 20, 1954, which resignation would create a vacancy in the representation from the class towns of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Turner and that a Special Election was held on November 15, 1954 to fill said vacancy and that Frank B. Foster of Mechanic Falls, having received a plurality of all votes cast in said election according to a canvass of the returns made by the Governor and Council under date of November 24, 1954, appears to have been elected a Representative to the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this fifth day of January (Seal) ary in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five and of the In-

dependence of the United States the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS  
Secretary of State

The communication was read and with accompanying papers was referred to the Committee on Elections to be appointed.

### Communication

The following communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
Augusta

January 5, 1955

Honorable Willis A. Trafton, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
97th Legislature

Sir:

Acting under authority of the House Order passed earlier in the day, I hereby appoint:

Mary Frances Kellogg of Augusta and Margaret B. Miskavage of Augusta, Secretaries to the Clerk of the House

Bertha W. Lewis of Baring, Secretary to the Assistant Clerk of the House

Regis T. Strout of Gardiner, Legislative Docket Clerk

Margaret H. Fernald of Augusta, Assistant Legislative Docket Clerk  
Gladys N. Mathews of Berwick, Journal Copy Clerk

Robert W. MacLaurin of Augusta, Messenger to operate the Public Address System.

Respectfully,

(Signed) HARVEY R. PEASE  
Clerk of the House

The communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, last summer after taking a trip to Aroostook, I returned to Portland by the coast road and stopped for a few hours at Machias. During my short stay there, the Councilor from Machias, Councilor Crane, drove me over to a little brook where there was a monument standing and he told me this story: Shortly before the Revolutionary War, a British



warship came up the Machias River, seized quite a quantity of lumber belonging to the inhabitants of Machias. The citizens of Machias gathered at a point on this little stream, a very small stream, and they discussed what they should do, and after there had been considerable discussion, a man by the name of Foster said "Any of you men who believe in action, follow me across this stream," and he jumped across the little brook. The men almost unanimously followed him. They attacked the British warship and the first shot that was fired the Captain of the ship was killed. They captured that ship and they held it until the war was over.

I am telling that little story for the purpose of making a point. These men had a problem to solve, and they were equal to the challenge. Now we have met here as a new Legislature. We will have many problems to solve, but among the problems that are likely to be presented to us is the question of reapportionment of this State.

Fourteen years ago, according to the Constitution of the State, there should have been a reapportionment, but the Legislature at that time, after spending some time on discussion, just simply adopted the same apportionment that had been ten years before that although that was not according to the provisions of the Constitution. Ten years later the question again came up, that meant there had been twenty years since there was any change in the apportionment, and that Legislature fell down on the job. Two years ago, it again came up, and again nothing was done. The last Legislature, the 96th, was one of the best Legislatures that I have ever served in and this is my eighth term in this House, but their failure to perform their duty at that time left a mark upon that Legislature that can never be erased. On my street in Portland, there is a beautiful house at the foot of the street that is painted white, but two years ago the man that painted that house left a smudge of white paint the same color but it is clearly a smudge some five or six feet long by two or three feet wide, and every time I walk down my street and look at that house, I feel

what a pity that that painter couldn't have done a good job.

Now here is my point. This matter in all probability will come up again before this Legislature and the question I am asking here today is: "Are we big enough to meet the challenge." If we are, it will be a bright spot of accomplishment in this Legislature. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease pending the Joint Convention.

### House at Ease

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

At this point, the Senate entered the Hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed.

### IN CONVENTION

President Haskell of the Senate in the Chair.

On motion of Senator Butler of Franklin,

Senators:

BUTLER of Franklin  
DOW of Lincoln  
FARLEY of York

Representatives:

ANDERSON of Greenville  
DUNN of Poland  
EARLES of South Portland  
HARNDEN of Rangeley  
COLE of Sumner  
ROBERTS of Dexter  
CYR of Fort Kent

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Butler for the Committee reported as follows:

Total number of votes cast	171
Necessary for a choice	88
Harold I. Goss had	132
Paul Thurston had	39

Which report was accepted, and Harold I. Goss, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Secretary of State for the political years 1955 and 1956.

On motion of Senator Fuller of Oxford,

Senators:

FULLER of Oxford

CARPENTER of Somerset  
ST. PIERRE  
of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ALBERT of Augusta  
WILLEY of Ellsworth  
BRAGDON of Perham  
REYNOLDS of Mt. Desert  
HANSON of Gardiner  
MAXWELL of Winthrop  
DOSTIE of Winslow

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for State Treasurer.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Fuller for the Committee reported as follows:

Total number of votes cast	177
Necessary for a choice	89
Richard McMahon had	40
Frank S. Carpenter had	137

Which report was accepted, and Frank S. Carpenter, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected State Treasurer for the political years 1955 and 1956.

On motion of Senator Reid of Kennebec,

Sensors:

REID of Kennebec  
CHAPMAN of Cumberland  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin

Representatives:

LAWRY of Rockland  
LIBBY of Camden  
BRIGGS of Caribou  
BAIRD of North Haven  
HANCOCK of York  
COTE of Madison  
COURTOIS of Saco

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Reid for the Committee reported as follows:

Total number of votes cast	172
Necessary for a choice	8
James Bishop had	40
Frank F. Harding had	132

Which report was accepted, and Frank F. Harding, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Attorney General for the political years 1955 and 1956.

On motion of Senator Silsby of Hancock,

Sensors:

SILSBY of Hancock  
BOYKER of Oxford  
HALL of York

Representatives:

BUTLER of Franklin  
CALL of Cumberland  
BRIGGS of Caribou  
BOWIE of Durham  
FULLER of China  
PORELL of Westbrook  
MALENFANT of Lewiston

were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for seven Executive Councilors.

Having attended to the duty, Senator Silsby for the Committee reported as follows:

Total number of votes cast	176
Necessary for a choice	89
Rosario Trembley had	41
Henri Benoit had	41
Roger Baril had	41
Irving Fogg had	41
Howard Dearbon had	41
Memory Fancy had	41
Florence Boynton had	41
Sidney R. Batchelder had	135
Leon M. Sanborn had	135
Walter Haynes had	135
Arthur E. Ela had	135
David A. Nichols had	135
Roswell P. Bates had	135
Carroll B. Peacock had	135

Which report was accepted, and the Honorables Sidney R. Batchelder, Leon M. Sanborn, Walter Haynes, Arthur E. Ela, David A. Nichols, Roswell P. Bates and Carroll B. Peacock, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared elected Executive Councilors for the political years 1955 and 1956.

On motion of Senator Silsby of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary be directed to notify the Honorable HAROLD I. GOSS of his election as Secretary of State; Honorable FRANK S. CARPENTER of his election as State Treasurer; Honorable FRANK F. HARDING of his election as Attorney General; and the Honorables SIDNEY R. BATCHELDER, LEON M. SANBORN, WALTER HAYNES, ARTHUR E. ELA, DAVID A. NICHOLS, ROSWELL P. BATES, and CARROLL PEACOCK, of their elections as Executive Coun-

cilors for the political years 1955 and 1956.

Subsequently the Secretary reported that he had notified the officers as directed.

On motion of Senator Reid of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the Governor informing him of the election of the Honorable HAROLD I. GOSS as Secretary of State; Honorable FRANK S. CARPENTER as State Treasurer; Honorable FRANK F. HARDING as Attorney General; and the Honorables SIDNEY R. BATCHELDER, LEON M. SANBORN, WALTER HAYNES, ARTHUR E. ELA, DAVID A. NICHOLS, ROSWELL P. BATES, and CARROLL PEACOCK as Executive Councilors for the political years 1955 and 1956.

The Chairman appointed Senator Reid of Kennebec to convey the message.

Subsequently that Senator reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion of Senator Sinclair of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Burton M. Cross, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman appointed:

Senators:

SINCLAIR of Somerset  
COLE of Waldo  
LORD of Cumberland

Representatives:

CHILDS of Portland  
BIBBER of Kennebunkport  
FULLER of South Portland  
ALBERT of Augusta  
EDWARDS of Raymond  
HANSON of Machiasport  
CORMIER of Rumford

Mr. Sinclair for the Committee subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duties assigned to it, and that Governor Cross, accompanied by his Executive Council, will be pleased to attend the Convention.

Subsequently, the Governor, accompanied by his Council, entered

the Hall of the House of Representatives amid applause, the audience rising.

Chairman HASKELL: Ladies and Gentleman of the Convention: It is my pleasure and honor to present to you the Governor of the State of Maine, Honorable Burton M. Cross.

GOVERNOR CROSS addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the 97th Legislature and through you the people of Maine,

I have considered very carefully the question of discussing with you many of the problems that will face you this winter. It is my judgment that to look, or make recommendations for, the future would infringe upon the province of the incoming Chief Executive. However, I do feel that it would be beneficial to you to review some of the things accomplished in the two years that I have served as your Governor.

As I review these with you, the information may be especially worthwhile in your deliberations and those decisions which will confront you in determining how best to serve the interests and welfare of the citizens of Maine.

Many other out-going governors who have gone before me have followed this same procedure of addressing an in-coming Legislature with an intent to be helpful in their coming session, and to convey to them some of the knowledge of government acquired over the years.

I would like to quote to you from the opening paragraph of my inaugural message to the 96th Legislature. It is as true today as it was two years ago.

"It has always been my desire to keep government as close to the people as possible. The delicate balance between local and state responsibility should be carefully maintained. During the past eighteen years, it has been my privilege to see both sides of this problem, as I have served both in city and state government. As a fellow legislator, I have sat with you in this House and in the Senate and have discussed, debated, and participated in much of the forward-looking legislation passed by the last six legislatures. All of this time, a major part of my life has been spent in business, and

I feel strongly that the businessman's approach to government is not only the ideal to strive for, but within certain limitations, it can be achieved."

Today, when many large, powerful, and well-organized groups bring pressure to bear on members of the Legislature, it is more important than ever that unobligated officials be elected to office. Too many men in business and political life ignore the rights of the people that must be safe-guarded if our State is to prosper and progress. I know that each of you here is sincerely dedicated to the betterment of the State of Maine, and my first advice to you is that any man in public life must be able to say "no" repeatedly. The ability to do so is often the test of his service. Every member must have the backbone to speak out openly and honestly and express his convictions, basing them on his own common sense and intuition. This is not always the popular view, as the people are inclined to see only the surface, and not the deeper motivations. I speak from personal experience, in that I still have great faith in the ultimate sound judgment of the men and women of Maine. No stream can rise higher than its source, and the people are the source of all power. When they realize this, and take a continued, intelligent interest in public affairs, our problems are well on toward solution.

As you consider the many problems of State Government, you are representative of the people of Maine, duly elected to work for and with them. One of the major purposes that I would advocate to you, and one that I have constantly followed, is to inform the people of Maine about their own affairs, to make every attempt to interest them in their government, and to have them understand their own problems. With this in view, I have held weekly press conferences, traveled thousands of miles to speak to the people, and have endeavored at all times to constructively mold public sentiment, not to follow or echo it, and never, regardless of criticism or abuse, have I hesitated to speak frankly and assume full responsibility for my acts.

I would like to quote to you from the farewell address of former

Governor Percival P. Baxter. I have taken the liberty of using his words, as they so aptly typify my own political philosophy, so strikingly so that I wanted to quote them to you:

"It would have been easier to have slipped along with the current, speaking only platitudes and catering only to those in a position of power and influence. Certain newspapers, no doubt, would have applauded whenever their own interests were advanced, and my path could have been soft and pleasant. However, I have deliberately chosen the rougher and more turbulent road of principle, independence, and adversity. It has been my desire to be known as the 'governor of all the people of Maine,' and it is their cause that I have consistently championed."

Governor Baxter's advice is as sound today as it was in 1925. That is my advice to you—hold to the line, regardless of political, business, or personal pressures, and you will finish this session with as fine a sense of satisfaction as I have finished my term as Governor.

And now, with your indulgence, I would like to go over with you some of the major achievements of the past few years—some of the problems that you may consider settled for the moment, although changing economic conditions may require their adjustment.

Today, the State of Maine is in excellent financial condition, with an estimated surplus of 7 million dollars in the General Fund at the end of this fiscal year, and 2 million dollars in the Highway Fund. There is no bonded debt at the General Fund Level. There is working capital of over 2 million dollars in the General Fund. There is working capital of over 2 million dollars in the Liquor Commission Account. There is invested Trust Funds of over 65 million. There is within indicated revenue, ample funds for the economical administration of State government over the next two years. No new tax burden designed to meet the need of political expediencies should have any place in the historically sound financing of the State of Maine. There is in the General Fund surplus sufficient funds for sound capital improvements and expansion

of our State institutions. I advocated, and the past Legislature agreed, on a long range building program of our educational, correctional, and penal institutions. Over 9 million dollars has been allocated, and is in the process of construction at the present time, including the new office building.

#### **Health and Welfare:**

In the field of Health and Welfare, we have taken many steps to assist those unfortunate people who find themselves in financial difficulties through age and infirmity. The 96th Legislature financed an additional Old Age Assistance fund, and at the Special Session liberalized rules and regulations pertaining to Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind, thereby bringing into the program many hundreds of borderline cases, relieving, materially, welfare expenses at the town level.

We have also set up a program for the fourth category of assistance, namely, Aid to the Totally Disabled. This completes a well-rounded and forward-looking welfare assistance plan, well within the ability of the people to finance.

#### **State Institutions:**

The Legislatures over the years have given increasing attention, and particularly over the past two years, to a well-planned and long-range program of improvement of our State Institutions. Over the past two years, every State institution has had capital improvements to a greater or lesser degree, and they have been carefully planned to be expedited over a period of years, financed by surplus. Sufficient funds are available to continue our work on the State School for the Deaf, in the teachers' colleges, at the University of Maine, Pownal, the mental hospitals, and the State schools.

#### **Education:**

In the field of Education, the 96th Legislature made tremendous strides in setting up standards of teachers' pay based on ability, training, and years of experience. This is having a marked effect on the acquiring of better-trained teachers in many of the towns of Maine. Its impact will continue to be felt for many years in the future. The accomplishments of the Maine School Building Author-

ity and its program are visible at every hand. This, too, will continue to have a promotional effect on the physical structure of our public schools. In voting nearly a million dollars in the 96th Legislature for improvement of our teachers' colleges, the Legislature recognizes the necessity of training more teachers for the rising population in our State and in our schools. We also have a well-planned building program set up at the University of Maine. Over 100 per cent of State subsidy on education has been channeled to the towns and cities.

#### **State Employees:**

In the furtherance of my recommendation, and working in cooperation with the Maine Employees' Association, the 96th Legislature recognized the necessity for better working conditions and personnel rates of our State employees, and in both the regular and special sessions, they met the necessity of bringing our pay scale to a competitive position with private industry. It has meant a great deal in improving morale and working conditions, especially in State institutions, where we have recently instituted a 44-hour week.

The State is extremely fortunate in the quality of employees that we have had over the years. Hundreds of conscientious and able men and women have worked for the betterment of State Government, even though in many cases they might have received more in private employment. It has been my endeavor as Governor to see that these qualifications have been recognized at every level of employment. Maine is no longer one of the lowest paid states in New England.

#### **State Office Building:**

With the completion of the new state office building, and the consolidation of the activities within the capitol area, we should have greater efficiency and convenience for the tax-paying public. It is a great step forward for the citizens of Maine. It is emblematical of the continued growth of State Government, as it assumes the responsibilities and financial burdens formerly carried on by the towns and cities. It is a slow evolution of government from the

local to the State level, brought about primarily by the inadequacies of local taxation to carry the major burdens of modern government.

#### **Development Commission:**

We have followed, and are improving, a strong program for our natural resources, with aerial surveys, ground mineral research, and especially by setting up a statistical and industrial development division expanded to the needs of business conditions in Maine. This has been done without in any way infringing on our promotion of recreation, agriculture, fisheries, and allied programs. I would hope that this would be continued and further expanded, for Maine has tremendous possibilities for industry, especially in the light of the desire of many major companies to set up branches away from the highly congested metropolitan areas. We must meet the competition of other states and their selling programs. The Development Commission is, and should be, the media.

#### **Forestry:**

We have continued a carefully prepared program of the preservation of our forestry resources, involving advisory forestry cutting practices, expanded facilities for forest fire control, a joining of hands with our sister states and New Brunswick in a forest fire compact designed to prevent any reoccurrence of the holocaust of the '40's. We have given great impetus to the use of forest products through the expansion of our pulp and paper research division at the University of Maine. This has gone hand in hand with the research efforts of the paper-making industry itself. They have contributed many thousands of dollars in conjunction with State funds. I have recognized this fact by the appointment of a representative of the industry to the Trustees Board of the University of Maine. Forest products are still our greatest natural resource.

#### **Public Parks:**

The 96th Legislature and this administration put heavy emphasis on the construction and expansion of our public parks, with an appropriation of nearly a half million dollars for capital improvements. This, to-

gether with the roadside picnic area program of the Highway Department, has enhanced our recreational facilities at a very minimum of cost. The Park Program should eventually be nearly self-supporting.

#### **Baxter State Park:**

We owe much to former Governor Baxter who has made it possible for us to enjoy the unspoiled forest beauty of Baxter State Park. Not only has Governor Baxter been generous as regards to the State Park, but he has given nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  million dollars to the State for the very worthwhile project of improving our State School for the Deaf. His record as a public-spirited citizen of Maine is without parallel in the history of the State.

#### **Agriculture:**

The 96th Legislature expanded its agricultural planning through a program involving over a million dollars per year, as well as added impetus to the University of Maine's research and extension program. The desire of the 96th Legislature and this administration was to help agriculture to help itself, through higher standards, better packaging, greater prestige, and quality of Maine products. Our experimental farms are continually bringing to the fore new varieties, new methods of spraying, fertilizing, and growing.

#### **Sea and Shore Fisheries:**

The same is equally true with the Sea and Shore Fisheries Department of our coast, and Maine leads the other States in research dollars per capita. Great strides have been made over the past two years by the Department in research facilities which will enable them to cooperate fully with the Federal Government in their new expanded program, a program that we hope will solve many of the basic problems of our coastal areas. The groundwork has been laid and expansion should be rapid.

#### **Fish and Game Department:**

We have continued a long-range program of expansion of our Fish and Game facilities to enable us to better meet the needs of a tremendous number of hunting and fishing enthusiasts. A half million dollars is being spent this year in building up

the fish rearing stations and facilities, following an intelligent and planned program of expansion. This is, of course, dedicated revenue by law and earmarked for this Department.

#### **Water Improvement Commission:**

Going hand in hand with these departments is the forward-looking steps of our Water Improvement Commission that will lay before you at this session detailed and specific proposals to further classify the lakes, rivers, and streams of Maine as regards pollution. This is a major problem that will not be solved by any single legislative session. It is by the continued work of many legislatures that this will eventually be resolved.

#### **Labor and Industry:**

In the field of Labor and Industry, I believe that the 96th Legislature went a long way to solve many of the basic problems. I advised, and they acceded, to the increase in unemployment rates, workmen's compensation, and death and injury benefits. This should be continually re-examined as changing economic conditions warrant. Much other legislation vital to the safety of the working man and woman has been implemented by our Safety Division.

#### **Sales Tax:**

Many adjustments to the Sales Tax were advocated and expedited at the last Session. It will be a continuing task for several years to see that this tax works expeditiously and fairly with the people and the merchants who collect it.

#### **Civil Defense:**

Great progress has been made over the past two years in the development of Civilian Defense activities throughout the State. This has been well-tested in the hurricanes of last fall, which showed the value of a coordinated network of activity to deal with natural, as well as man-made, disasters. Well over a million dollars in disaster relief funds were channeled through this organization following the hurricanes. It shows us the necessity of being prepared for any eventuality.

#### **Maine Aeronautics Commission:**

The expansion and development of our airfields in Maine are of grave

concern to all its citizens. Through the Maine Aeronautics Commission, we have kept a program of maintenance and assisting of airports, and the 96th Legislature passed a substantial grant of \$250,000 to care for the needs of Maine's largest civilian airport in Portland.

#### **National Guard:**

I have taken a great deal of pride in serving as Commander-in-Chief of our Maine National Guard. We have seen a continuing recognition of the necessity of a strong Maine Guard expanded to meet the changing defense structure of our times, by the addition of the Maine Air Guard, and greater anti-aircraft facilities. The Federal Government participates at Brunswick, Dow Field, Presque Isle, and Limestone, pointing up the extreme importance of Maine's status in the offense and defense of this country.

The armory program has been a very worthwhile one, and has been carefully and economically administered, in cooperative effort with the towns and cities involved. The new installations are in Fort Fairfield, Augusta, and Presque Isle, with other installations planned.

#### **Finance Officer:**

Much re-organization within the departments has been done over the past two years with the full cooperation of the 96th Legislature, the Governor, and the Executive Council. Notable among these are the changes in setting up the Finance and Budget Officer as the chief administrative and executive assistant to the Governor; we have also instituted many fiscal reforms that have expedited administration and saved many thousands of dollars to tax payers as well as giving better service to the citizens.

#### **Liquor Commission:**

The same is equally true in the administrative reorganization of the Liquor Commission, and I take pride in pointing out to you that in the past two years no substantiated suspicion has pointed at this Department. I consider this a major accomplishment and hope that it will continue. New merchandising methods in the stores, listings on a formula basis, the addition of a new liquor warehouse, and many other adminis-

trative reforms should pay dividends in added revenues in this department.

### **Highway Department:**

The 96th Legislature passed major legislation to change the administrative set-up of the Highway Department. Having worked with the new Commission, it is my considered judgment that this will mean great benefits to the people of Maine in more miles of road and in greater service, in what is one of the greatest needs of the State—better highways. The elimination of the pork-barrel procedures, so-called, should give us a greater mileage of roads in the years to come, properly planned and expedited to benefit the greatest number of Maine's citizens. The doubling in dollars of the appropriation for town road improvement and the increases in State Aid through the bonus system and snow removal should give added impetus to the drive for better feeder and farm roads. The million dollar allocation to the town road improvement alone has meant tremendous increases in the towns' abilities to bring the farmers nearer to the idea of a year round highway. This will be felt even more in the next two years, if continued. Over 3 million has been spent since its passage. I am confident that we will continue to build many more miles of passable highways under such a program. It will be in the interest of all of the people of Maine to continue this long range highway plan. We must continue to recognize that our highway needs and highway planning should be geared to the Federal Plan. As I have told the people of Maine, the President's program is one that shows tremendous vision for the future. Maine must, and will, share in this program.

### **State Police and Governor's Safety Committee:**

One of the forward-looking steps of this administration has been to recognize the necessity of a planned program on accident prevention, and public education to reduce highway fatalities and property damage.

The State Police and its enforcement and safety division have worked very closely with your Governor to further develop a long-range plan.

In activating the Governor's Safety Conference, I found it to be invaluable in encouraging citizen participation in this activity. The conferences have produced, in conjunction with the Secretary of State's Department, and the basic work of the Secretary of State, notable advancements in highway regulations, including the new point system. Working closely with the Executive Department, the State Police have promoted a sound enforcement program that has helped materially to reduce our highway toll. They will need added assistance to continue this. Every life saved is a monument to the future.

### **Economy in Government:**

And finally, I would point out to you that in this administration we have been, as you should be, prudent of the tax funds entrusted to your care. Economy of operation is a requirement of sound government. This is often misunderstood by short-sighted individuals, but a continued, firm grip must be held to a sane program within the ability of the people to pay. The many things we might like to do as members of the Legislature must be governed by the financial ability of the people. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, and I know no better words, "Government is to do those things, and only those things, for the people that they cannot do better for themselves."

### **Blaine House:**

I do want to say this to you from my personal experience as Chief Executive: One of the most enjoyable experiences of a Governor is to live in the beautiful Executive Mansion that is provided by the citizens of our State. The Blaine House is a beautiful home, typical of the better and more enduring things of our State of Maine, solid, substantial, and steeped in the tradition of our great State's great past. Let me say to you that in my experiences in other States, there is none in New England, nor in few other states, that do for their governors as is done in Maine. I believe this is the way the people of Maine want it to be. I know that they are proud of their First Family, whoever it may be, and having been a member of that family for two years, I



do want to pass that experience on to you, for it is one that many other Chief Executives in other states have envied.

Mrs. Cross and I have felt that this is a home to be shared with as many of Maine's citizens as possible and it has been our endeavor to see that the door was always open wide.

This resume of two years of service in the Governor's Office, together with the experience gained in over twenty years in public life, is given to you in the honest and sincere purpose of aiding you in your deliberations for the coming months. I know that your problems will be many, that the pressures on you will be great. I am confident that you have the ability and the desire, as I have had, to serve the people in their best interest.

It has been a very pleasant and instructive privilege to serve in municipal and state government for over a fifth of a century. It is an experience that I would not forego, under any condition. It is an experience that I would recommend to all of you who continue your obvious interest in the betterment of this great State of ours.

As I leave office, I do so with a deep personal satisfaction of a job well done, of many things accomplished in the interests of the people, of footsteps in the sands of time that the winds of coming events may dim, but never erase.

To you men and women of today, yours is an unusual opportunity to enter political life and to render service to your State, your city, and your town. The danger that is ever present, however, is for a man or woman to have a desire to **hold office** rather than to render service. Holding office alone has spurred many men and women to continue in power by being willing to sacrifice principle and honor.

Many of us enter politics expecting to accomplish many worthwhile things, only to find our efforts blocked and useless. Many times when a man displays his independence, he is likely to be confronted with opposition and checked by powerful influences which seek to break him when they find they cannot control him. To me, principle, honesty, and in-

tegrity are worth more than temporary and elusive honor. Sound administration in the interests of all the people has been my goal over twenty years of service. I have refused to break that continuity, and it is for your information that I give you these foregoing conclusions, both administrative and philosophical.

I hope that it will be of value to you. I urge you never to lose the ideals which prompted you to seek office. Do not deny principle for expediency. To do so would be a betrayal of those who have elected you.

If I have earned the respect and confidence of my fellow citizens, I am sufficiently rewarded for all my work. I love the State of Maine and all its people, and this affection has increased with years of service. The hard things that have been said have long since been forgotten and forgiven, and there is no one in Maine toward whom I hold the slightest ill feeling. There is much to be thankful for; much yet that I would do for my native State.

David Star Jordan says: "Today is your day, and mine; the only day we have; the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand, but we are here to play it, and now is the time."

Thank you.

At the conclusion of the address, the Governor and his Council withdrew, amid the prolonged applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chairman declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to their Chamber.

#### **In the House**

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair takes pleasure in announcing the membership on certain of the Standing Committees of the House.

The Clerk will read the following appointments.

The Clerk:

**Ways and Means**

Albert of Augusta  
Henry of North Yarmouth  
Cates of East Machias  
Reed of Fort Fairfield  
Lord of Augusta  
Wade of Auburn  
Cianchette of Pittsfield

**Leave of Absence**

Seaward of Kittery  
Hatfield of Orrington  
Woodworth of Benton  
Baird of North Haven  
Foss of Chapman  
Cole of Sumner  
Porell of Westbrook

**Bills in 3rd Reading**

Totman of Bangor  
Hilton of Bremen  
Brockway of Milo  
Reynolds of Mt. Desert  
Hancock of York

Blanchard of Wilton  
Bernier of Waterville

**Elections**

Childs of Portland  
Palmer of Meddybemps  
Cook of Portage Lake  
Wadleigh of Mr. Vernon  
Walter of Waldoboro  
MacDonald of Rumford  
Beal of Lisbon

**Engrossed Bills**

Quinn of Bangor  
Anderson of Greenville  
Call of Cumberland  
Shaw of Bingham  
Ross of Bath  
Davis of Westbrook  
Valley of Sanford

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

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On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.