

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 19, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Leo L. Dunn of Mount Vernon.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Resolve providing for Motor Vehicle Registration Plates (S. P. 44) (L. D. 33)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act" (S. P. 45) (L. D. 34)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that any Town Clerk or Board of County Commissioners may, upon written request to the document clerk, receive without charge copies of all printed bills, so that there may be available to the public during the legislative session, a complete and convenient file of all printed bills. (S. P. 51)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

Messages and Documents

The following communication:

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO
RICO
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
CAPITOL
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
January 15, 1955

Honorable Speaker
House of Representatives
Augusta, Maine

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Concurrent Resolution approved by

the Legislative Assembly of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on January 14, 1955, condemning the aggression against democracy in Costa Rica, we have the honour of attaching a certified copy of the said resolution.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Samuel R. Quinones
President of the Senate
Ernest Ramos Antonini
President House of Representatives

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Claims

Resolve in favor of the Town of Steuben (H. P. 51) (Presented by Mr. Stanwood of Steuben)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Lionel E. St. Pierre of Farmingdale (H. P. 52) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Chelsea)

Resolve in favor of John C. Bonnell of Portland (H. P. 53) (Presented by Mrs. Files of Portland)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to School Age in Public Schools" (H. P. 54) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve Designating Fore River Bridge in Cumberland County as the Veterans Memorial Bridge (H. P. 55) (Presented by Mrs. Files of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Bear in Franklin County" (H. P. 57) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Roxbury Pond, Oxford County, to Ice Fishing (H. P.

56) (Presented by Mr. Howard of
Dixfield by request)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Facsimile
Signature of Secretary of State and
Power of Deputy in Certain Motor
Vehicle Notices (H. P. 59) (Pre-
sented by Mr. McGlaflin of Port-
land)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Forgery
of Motor Vehicle Operator's License
or Registration Certificate" (H. P.
60) (Presented by same gentleman)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments
to Androscoggin Law Library" (H.
P. 61) (Presented by Mr. Wade of
Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Benefits
for Total Unemployment Under Em-
ployment Security Law" (H. P. 62)
(Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)
(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of
Payment of Expenses of Employees"
(H. P. 63) (Presented by Mr. Mc-
Glaflin of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter
of the Ogunquit Village Corporation"
(H. P. 64) (Presented by Mr. Brew-
ster of Wells)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Create the Bath
Parking District" (H. P. 65) (Pre-
sented by Mr. Couture of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to a School
District for the Towns of Limerick,
Parsonsfield, Cornish and Others"
(H. P. 66) (Presented by Mr. Evans
of Cornish)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer Dis-
trict in the Town of Kennebunk" (H.

P. 67) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of
Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve in favor of a Retirement
Allowance for J. Harrison Bailey of
Hallowell (H. P. 68) (Presented by
Mr. Martin of West Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of E. Maude
Dionne, of Skowhegan (H. P. 69)
(Presented by Mr. Whiting of Skow-
hegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve providing for State Pen-
sion for Warner Wales of Limerick
(H. P. 70) (Presented by Mr. Evans
of Cornish)

Resolve providing a State Pension
for Marion L. Gallagher of Randolph
(H. P. 71) (Presented by Mr. Fuller
of China)

Resolve providing for an Increase
in State Pension for Helen Lindsay
of Damariscotta (H. P. 72) (Pre-
sented by Mr. Hilton of Bremen)

Resolve providing for State Pen-
sion for Irving Hilton of Wiscasset
(H. P. 73) (Presented by same gen-
tleman)

Resolve providing for an Increase
in State Pension for Carroll E. Pa-
trick of Buxton (H. P. 74) (Presented
by Mr. Kimball of Dayton)

Resolve providing for an Increase
in State Pension for Lillian Sibley of
Old Town (H. P. 75) (Presented by
Mr. Latno of Old Town)

Resolve providing for an Increase
in State Pension for Alice Sirois of
Old Town (H. P. 76) (Presented by
same gentleman)

Resolve providing for an Increase
in State Pension for Kenneth Graves
of Brewer (H. P. 77) (Presented by
Mr. Lindsay of Brewer)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Markup
on State Liquor" (H. P. 78) (Pre-
sented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Permitting Regional Planning" (H. P. 80) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)
(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Closing of County Offices on Saturday" (H. P. 79) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment and Tenure of Office of Police Officers" (H. P. 81) (Presented by Mr. Seaward of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Turning Signals on Fire Department Vehicles" (H. P. 82) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Sheriffs, Police and Fire Officials" (H. P. 83) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Veterans and Military Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Twenty Two Million Dollars for Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean Campaign" (H. P. 84) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

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Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean Campaign (H. P. 85) (Presented by same gentleman)

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Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Miss Lawry of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. George H. Wood of the Universalist Church of Rockland, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 8, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Henry of North Yarmouth, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Clyde M. Campbell of First Parish Church, Yarmouth, be invited to officiate as

Chaplain of the House on Thursday, February 3, 1955.

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

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of State be requested to prepare for the use of the members of the Legislature two hundred and twenty-five copies of the list of legislative counsel and agents as of January 25, 1955, and weekly supplemental lists thereafter during the remainder of the session.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Totman of Bangor was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You will note on your list of notices today the next to last notice requests that any members, Republican or Democrat, who are interested and available for a trip to Pownal will please contact myself or some other member who has been going to the institutions for a thorough legislative visit.

The purpose for my arising is that I would like to make a special point of reassuring and emphasizing to the Committee on Public Health that our sincere interest and efforts by the individual members of the House to inform themselves on the general condition and appearance and contents of the institutions around the state are in no way and not intended to be any usurping or infringing or detracting from the committee's official duties. I repeat, it is simply, as we stated at the meeting of the Republican party earlier in the session, a sincere gesture on the part of the Representatives in this House to be better acquainted with the situation which will probably require additional appropriations later on and we sincerely believe that by having as many members as possible see the interiors of these institutions, we will be able to better assist the Committee on Public Health when the time comes to discuss appropriations. Thank you.

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

The Chair would like to make two comments, one, that next week on Tuesday, the second meeting of the school on parliamentary procedure will be held.

The Chair would like to call the attention of all the members to the effect of the cloture order passed earlier this session. That order will put a time limit on the introduction of bills and resolves. If the members do not get a bill or resolve introduced or at least give the title and necessary information to Mr. Slosberg to prepare the legislative document before the cloture date, the

members will not be able thereafter to introduce further bills and resolves without unanimous consent of both branches of the Legislature.

The order was introduced last week so that it would come to the members' attention and they would get about the business of getting the legislative documents prepared and entered and a word to the wise should be sufficient.

The Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Harnden of Rangeley,

Adjourned until one o'clock tomorrow afternoon.