

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*Ninety-Seventh Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**HOUSE**

Thursday, January 20, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robert Brackley of Hallowell.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Appropriation for Seed Potato Board" (S. P. 48) (L. D. 45)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Exempting the State and Its Subdivisions from Fair Trade Act" (S. P. 50) (L. D. 47)

Bill "An Act Repealing Separate Bids for Purchase of Institutional Supplies" (S. P. 49) (L. D. 46)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Fair Views at Railroad Crossings" (S. P. 47) (L. D. 48)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

**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:

**Appropriations and Financial  
Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legis-

lature" (H. P. 86) (Presented by Mr. Cook of Portage Lake)  
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Sanford Armory Project (H. P. 87) (Presented by Mr. Letourneau of Sanford)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Armory Project (H. P. 88) (Presented by Mr. Porell of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Examination of Industrial Banks" (H. P. 89) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Gifts, Etc. to Bank Officials for Procuring Loans" (H. P. 90) (Presented by Mr. Osborne of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Senate Paper Out of Order**

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 25, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 60)

Came from the Senate in that body today read and passed.

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

**Claims**

Resolve in favor of The Richmond, Maine Camp Grounds of the Church of the Nazarene (H. P. 91) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse Horace Hinkley of Richmond for Damages Done by Parolees (H. P. 92) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Chapman (H. P. 93) (Presented by Mr. Foss of Chapman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Town of Chapman (H. P. 94) (Presented by Mr. Foss of Chapman)

Resolve in favor of Cyril Swallow of South Paris (H. P. 95) (Presented by Mrs. Mann of Paris)

Resolve in favor of Norway Fish and Game Association for Fish Screen at Dam at Norway Lake (H. P. 58) (Presented by Mr. Pike of Waterford)

Resolve in favor of John J. McDonough of Westbrook (H. P. 96) (Presented by Mr. Porell of Westbrook)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Highways

Bill "An Act Correcting Appropriations for State Aid and Bridge Act Apportionments to Conform with New State Valuations" (H. P. 97) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Correcting Appropriations for Snow Removal to Conform with New State Valuation" (H. P. 98) (Presented by Mr. Pullen of Oakland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Designating Part of U. S. Route No. 1 in Maine as Narraguagus Highway (H. P. 99) (Presented by Mr. Stanwood of Steuben)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in Town of Carmel (H. P. 100) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Etna)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses to Residents 75 Years of Age" (H. P. 101) (Presented by Mr. Call of Cumberland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Spouses and Children of Members of the Armed Forces of the United States to Hunt or Fish" (H. P. 102) (Presented by Mr. Getchell of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer on Cranberry Isles" (H. P. 103) (Presented by Mr. Reynolds of Mount Desert)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Long Island Plantation" (H. P. 104) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Law Relating to Travel over Construction Projects" (H. P. 105) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Etna)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Willful Concealment of Merchandise in Stores" (H. P. 106) (Presented by Mr. Charles of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Right of Way for Police and Fire Vehicles, and Ambulances" (H. P. 107) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the County Law Library at Rumford in the County of Oxford" (H. P. 108) (Presented by Mr. MacDonald of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Checking Speed of Motor Vehicles by Electrical Devices" (H. P. 109) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Gardiner" (H. P. 110) (Presented by Mr. Hanson of Gardiner)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Solicitation and Collection of Funds for Charitable Purposes" (H. P. 111) (Presented by Mr. Charles of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Bath" (H. P. 112) (Presented by Mr. Couture of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Transferring Bath Academy to the City of Bath" (H. P. 113) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appeals from Joint Board Decisions" (H. P. 114) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Retirements and Pensions

Resolve providing for State Pension for Addie Johnson of Perham (H. P. 115) (Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for George Maxwell of Princeton (H. P. 116) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Leroy Batron of Lubec (H. P. 117) (Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Marion Hilton of St. Albans (H. P. 118) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Geneva Gay of Fairfield (H. P. 119) (Presented by Mr. Osborne of Fairfield)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Weir Fishing in Penobscot Bay and River for Atlantic Sea Run Salmon" (H. P. 120) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" (H. P. 121) (Presented by Mr. Sanford of Dover-Foxcroft)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Airports from Taxation" (H. P. 122) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on Aircraft" (H. P. 123) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge and the Recorder of the Lincoln Municipal Court, Lincoln County" (H. P. 124) (Presented by Mr. Hilton of Bremen)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Certain Officers of Lincoln County" (H. P. 125) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Motor Vehicles Operated by Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries"

(H. P. 126) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Chelsea)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of School Buses and Overtaking and Passing School Buses" (H. P. 127) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Weighing Vehicles by Officers" (H. P. 128) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Motor Vehicles to Inspection Stations for Inspection" (H. P. 129) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Speed of Commercial Vehicles" (H. P. 132) (Presented by Mr. Jacques of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Gross Weight of Trucks, Tractors, Etc." (H. P. 133) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act providing for Flares, Etc. for Large Trucks" (H. P. 134) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Orders

On motion of Mr. Call of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Valton V. Morse of Congregational Parish, Cumberland Center, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 15, 1955.

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

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, I present an order and move its passage. I request the privilege of speaking briefly on the matter.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, presents an order and moves its passage. The Clerk will read the order.

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the State Controller supply for use of the Legislature two hundred copies of a list of State Employees with their salaries as of December 31, 1954, and be it further

ORDERED, that said lists be distributed, one to each member of the

Senate, House and Council; two to the Executive; one to the Secretary of the Senate; one to the Clerk of the House; and the balance to the State Librarian for exchange purposes.

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

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: For many years this little book that I hold in my hand used to be called the "snoop book". It was done because before Personnel became operative it was the privilege of the heads of departments to establish the salaries of their subordinates, their clerks. Since Personnel, the amount that each employee receives is well publicized. Each person knows exactly how much his co-workers and the workers of the other departments are receiving. That list is available to anybody in the office of the Controller but I might add, ladies and gentlemen, that it is published on sheets very similar to this size. Any person can go and find out exactly how much the other fellow is getting. There is no further use of calling it a "snoop book" because of its well-publicized method of handling at this moment. Everybody knows except us how much we are paying our employees of the State. I investigated through the Controller last week and find that our weekly payroll of employees is in excess of \$400,000. I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, how can we intelligently vote upon the many matters that will come before us unless we have these facts and figures readily available to us in this special form? You can see that this one was issued to me in 1951 and it is well used. In '53, for some reason, it was not published. The reason, I do not know. The cost of the printing has been brought to my attention. It is, for this particular book, I believe, \$460 and at this time we had 500 copies printed. My order calls for only 200. Inasmuch as it goes to competitive bidding, I can not give you a figure but I can reasonably assume it would be substantially under \$500 and having served here for a number of years, I assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that it is a valuable property to possess in our deliberations and I trust that my order has a passage. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, I hate to disagree with my friend, the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, but I am sure that he will agree that that is my privilege. We may all obtain the salaries of all State employees in the Controller's office at any time. They are there for us to look at and I think it can serve no useful purpose to have them published. It can cause many hard feelings and any small courtesies that we can give to our State employees I think we should give and I think this is one time when we could extend to them a small courtesy which would be appreciated. I can see again no useful purpose for publishing this book and I move indefinite postponement of this order. Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken I move that it be taken by division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves that the joint order be indefinitely postponed and the same gentleman requests a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaflin.

Mr. MCGLAFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I had no thought of taking any part in the discussion of this measure but one of the Senators, who is opposed to this order, called my attention to the fact that such an order was coming in and he wanted me to oppose it. I said I would give it consideration. The first thing that I wanted to find out was whether, as I was told, the help of the State House were very much opposed to this matter. I interviewed, personally, six different parties in the State. Each one told me that he had no slightest objection to the publication and I was told that in some departments, like the Motor Vehicle Department, there was considerable curiosity as to what each one was paid. As to that part, I will state that these employees are paid on a schedule. Everybody knows that they start on a certain rate and after a certain time they are increased.

Now, I have used this book that has been published before and I always liked to have the book. I wouldn't want to have the book if it is going to cause a great deal of trouble among the employees but

from my investigation I am convinced that that is not the case, so I am going to cast my vote against this motion for indefinite postponement and support the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, on his order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert.

Mr. ALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, has pointed out to us that the information is readily available at the State Controller's office. I want to mention this because a lot of the Representatives here do not live in the City of Augusta or Hallowell where they are handy to the State Controller's office. Also that you are elected for a period of two years. Consequently after you go home in May, if you want that information, you will have to either come to Augusta and get in touch with the State Controller or do it by mail. I feel that the booklet is very helpful. We had it in 1951 and sessions before and for some reason last session no order was introduced to have it published. Therefore, I shall go along against the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, that the joint order be indefinitely postponed. The same gentleman has requested a division.

As many as are in favor of the indefinite postponement of the joint order will kindly rise and remain standing in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Two having voted in the affirmative and ninety-eight having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone the Joint Order did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Joint Order (H. P. 130) received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

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On motion of Mr. Ferguson of Hanover, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Charles Pendleton of Congregational Church, Bethel, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 1, 1955.

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

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#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the notices.

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On motion of Mr. Reed of Fort Fairfield,

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 25, at ten o'clock in the morning.