

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1955

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HOUSE

Tuesday, January 25, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Rodney W. Roundy of Portland.

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

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957" (S. P. 52) (L. D. 42)

Bill "An Act making Supplemental Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957" (S. P. 53) (L. D. 43)

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for Capital Improvements and Construction of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957" (S. P. 54) (L. D. 44)

Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society (S. P. 55) (L. D. 83)

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 to Change the Name of the Aroostook Mutual Fire Insurance Company" (S. P. 56) (L. D. 84)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Financial Responsibility in Motor Vehicle Accidents Resulting in Death" (S. P. 58) (L. D. 86)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Audience Participation Radio or Television Amusements or Games" (S. P. 57) (L. D. 85)

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 the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder and Clerk Hire for the Caribou Municipal Court" (S. P. 59) (L. D. 87)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties 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 Salary of Attorney General" (H. P. 131) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Fort Kent Armory Project (H. P. 135) (Presented by Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of the Town of Springfield (H. P. 136) (Presented by Mr. Dicker of Lakeville Plantation)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Newbert Spear of Milo (H. P. 137) (Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo)

Resolve in favor of Gardner Funeral Service of Machias, Maine (H. P. 138) (Presented by Mr. Cates of East Machias)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act Amending the Provisions for General-Purpose Educational Aid, Minimum Salaries for Teachers and Reimbursement for Professional Credits" (H. P. 139) (Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo)

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Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Definitions of 'Compact'" (H. P. 140) (Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of the Old Vaughn Bridge" (H. P. 141) (Presented by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to the Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge (H. P. 142) (Presented by Mr. Dunn of Poland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Vinalhaven" (H. P. 143) (Presented by Mr. Baird of North Haven)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rocky Lake in Washington County (H. P. 144) (Presented by Mr. Cates of East Machias)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in Hancock County (H. P. 145) (Presented by Mr. Edgar of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for Smallmouth Black Bass, Pickerel and White Perch on Mount Desert Island (H. P. 146) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Taking of Smelts in Outlet of Nubble Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 147) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in Morrill Pond, Somerset County (H. P. 148) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Branch of Penobscot River (H. P. 149) (Presented by Mr. Sanford of Dover-Foxcroft)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Validate Actions at Certain Town Meetings" (H. P. 150) (Presented by Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Election Laws" (H. P. 151) (Presented by Mr. McGlaulin of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Delinquent Election Returns" (H. P. 152) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Filing of Nomination Papers in Municipal Elections" (H. P. 153) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of the Town of Gray School District" (H. P. 154) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer System for Town of Winthrop" (H. P. 155) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve providing for State Pension for Kathleen Small of Pittsfield (H. P. 156) (Presented by Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield)

Resolve in favor of George A. Bragdon of Lincoln (H. P. 157) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harold Weymouth of St. Albans (H. P. 158) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

Resolve Granting Additional Retirement Benefits for Erna G. Adams of Bridgton (H. P. 159) (Presented by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Stella M. Williams of Winthrop (H. P. 160) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Perry J. Caldwell of Winthrop (H. P. 161) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Camille Lachapelle of Winthrop (H. P. 162) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Albert Wilfred Lachapelle of Winthrop (H. P. 163) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Laurence Waldron of Fairfield (H. P. 164) (Presented by Mr. Osborne of Fairfield by request)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Clarifying Certain Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws" (H. P. 165) (Presented by Mr. McCluskey of Warren)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Quahogs" (H. P. 166) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams, Etc., in Town of Harpswell" (H. P. 167) (Presented by Mr. Skolfield of Harpswell)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Jurors" (H. P. 168) (Presented by Mr. Alden of Gorham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Certain Officers in Washington County" (H. P. 169) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Western Washington Municipal Court" (H. P. 170) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Calais Municipal Court" (H. P. 171) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Calais Municipal Court" (H. P. 172) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations" (H. P. 173) (Presented by Mr. Alden of Gorham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Libby of Camden, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Melvin H. Dorr, Jr. of Camden, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, February 24, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Waterford, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Herbert R. Houghton of the Oxford County United Parish, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, February 23, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Crockett of Freeport, it was

ORDERED, Rev. Albert B. Reynolds of Freeport Congregational Church be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, February 10, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Charles of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Bernard M. Hanniger of Chestnut Street Methodist Church, Portland, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 22, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Jack of Topsham, it was

ORDERED, Rev. Gerald W. Beals of Baptist Church, Topsham, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, February 16, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Stanwood of Steuben, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send flowers to Mr. Hanson of Machiasport, who has not been able to attend the session because of illness.

On motion of Mrs. Thomas of Anson, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Howard Quirk of Congregational Church, North Anson, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 8, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Everett Pender of Friendship, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 23, 1955.

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

House Report of Committee on Elections

Mr. MacDonald from the House Committee on Elections on the Returns of 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 and subsequent Special Elections to fill vacancies as stated in communication from the Secretary of State reported the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the several persons named in the certified list dated January 5, 1955, of representatives-elect to the 97th Legislature by Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State, are hereby declared legally elected representatives to the 97th Legislature, with the exception of Emma Ford of Waterford, deceased, and Ralph E. Abbott of Mechanic Falls, resigned.

In the place of Emma Ford, Harold S. Pike of Waterford, is hereby declared the legally elected representative.

In the place of Ralph E. Abbott, Frank B. Foster of Mechanic Falls, is hereby declared the legally elected representative.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolution was read and adopted.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. The Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Dayton,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.