

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, February 26, 1957

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Douglas H. Robins of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Oxford, Journal of Thursday, February 21, read and approved.

**House Papers**

"Resolve in Favor of Maple Grove Cemetery Association of Randolph." (H. P. 635) (L. D. 902)

"Resolve Providing Funds for the Training of Firemen." (H. P. 636) (L. D. 903)

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

Bill, "An Act Providing a Definition of Group Life Insurance." (H. P. 637) (L. D. 904)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

"Resolve Reimbursing Town of Bristol for Certain Pauper Claims." (H. P. 638) (L. D. 905)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of Superintendents of Schools." (H. P. 639) (L. D. 906)

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

"Resolve for Construction of Route No. 129 in Lincoln County." (H. P. 640) (L. D. 907)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Judicial Separation." (H. P. 641) (L. D. 908)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Provide a Representative-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Lincoln, County of Penobscot." (H. P. 642) (L. D. 909)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Use of Artificial Light in Taking Herring in Certain Waters." (H. P. 643) (L. D. 910)

Which was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Claims Against the State for Taxes Lost to Municipalities by Exemptions." (H. P. 644) (L. D. 911)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Increasing Compensation of Boards of Registration in Cities." (H. P. 645) (L. D. 912)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Expending Penobscot County Funds for Higgins Classical Institute." (H. P. 646) (L. D. 913)

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

Bill, "An Act Repealing Relative Responsibility in Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Disabled." (H. P. 648) (L. D. 914)

Bill, "An Act Defining Dependent Child in Aid to Dependent Children." (H. P. 649) (L. D. 915)

Which were referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

**House Committee Reports  
Ought Not to Pass**

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Free Fishing Licenses to Residents Seventy-Five Years of Age." (H. P. 354) (L. D. 484) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Cigarette Stamp Discounts to Licensed Distributors." (H. P. 294) (L. D. 390) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 332) (L. D. 417) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Repealing the Gasoline Road Tax on Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 399) (L. D. 529) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Notification to Trappers of Land Closed to Beaver Trapping." (H. P. 274) (L. D. 370) reported that the same be granted Leave to withdraw.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Taking of Alewives from Dyer River, Lincoln County." (H. P. 277) (L. D. 373) reported that the same be granted Leave to withdraw—Covered by Other Legislation.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Big Kennebec Lake, Franklin County." (H. P. 318) (L. D. 435) reported that the same be granted Leave to withdraw.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Ponds of Red River, Aroostook County." (H. P. 319) (L. D. 436) reported that the same be granted Leave to withdraw.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Moderator, Board of Assessors, Authority of the Town Council, Board of Registration, and Secret Ballot in the Town of Caribou." (H. P. 91) (L. D. 129) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Establish Representative Town Meetings in the Town of Caribou." (H. P. 92) (L. D. 132) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills read once and on motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook, the rules were suspended, the bills read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass — as Amended

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer High School District." (H. P. 284) (L. D. 380) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (Filing No. 33)

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill

read once. Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
Augusta

February 21, 1957

Honorable Chester T. Winslow  
Secretary of the Senate  
92th Legislature

SIR:

The Speaker of the House today appointed the following members of the House to serve on the Joint Select Committee on State House Renovations:

Messrs. ROSS of Bath  
STANLEY of Bangor  
Miss CORMIER of Rumford

Respectfully,

(Signed) HARVEY R. PEASE  
Clerk of the House

#### Senate Papers

The following bills were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, pursuant to Joint Order (H. P. 43) and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

#### Education

Mr. Dow of Lincoln presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Unused School Buildings in Unorganized Territory." (S. P. 353)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Approval of Institutions Granting Associate Degrees." (S. P. 354)

Which were referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Labor

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Compensation for Specified Injuries Under Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 355)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Dow of Lincoln presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Out-of-state Service Under State Retirement System." (S. P. 356)

Which was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Charles of Cumberland presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Crab Fishing by Minors." (S. P. 357)

Which was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Taxation

The same Senator presented

Bill, "An Act Exempting Bunkering Oil from Sales Tax." (S. P. 358)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### First Reading of a Printed Bill

Bill, "An Act Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles." (S. P. 352) (L. D. 930)

Which was read once and on motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the rules were suspended and the bill read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Senate Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Low from the Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Directing Public Utilities to File Schedule of Property Valuation with Municipal Assessors." (S. P. 187) (L. D. 466) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Ought to Pass

Mr. Hurley from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Repealing Law Relating to Deposits of Mercantile Employees." (S. P. 155) (L. D. 402) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(S. P. 155) (L. D. 402) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Pike from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Amending the Maine Fidelity Life Insurance Company." (S. P. 173) (L. D. 452) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Charles from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Clarifying the Boxing Law." (S. P. 34) (L. D. 194) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Reed from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Union Highway Districts." (S. P. 104) (L. D. 234) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford, tabled pending consideration of the report.)

Mr. Charles from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Retirement Benefits for Members of City of Portland Police and Fire Departments." (S. P. 179) (L. D. 458) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Ferguson from the Committee on Natural Resources on "Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Convey Certain Land of State in Washington County." (S. P. 182) (L. D. 461) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Ratifying Deed Given by the State to Francis S. Harwood of Augusta." (S. P. 214) (L. D. 559) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Registration Fees on Certain Commercial Vehicles." (S. P. 25) (L. D. 16) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Cole from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Registration of Farm Tractors." (S. P. 152) (L. D. 350) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

### Ought to Pass—as Amended

Mr. Charles from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Approval of Policy

or Endorsement Forms by the Insurance Commissioner." (S. P. 172) (L. D. 451) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A.

Committee Amendment A to S. P. 172, L. D. 451. "Amend said bill by striking out the single quotation mark at the end and adding thereto the following underlined paragraph:

"This section shall not apply to policy forms or forms of endorsement for ocean, marine insurance as referred to in subsection 2 of Section 316 and for insurance on specially rated inland marine risks."

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Senator from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Portland" (S. P. 203) (L. D. 548) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A: Committee Amendment A to S. P. 203, L. D. 548. "Amend said bill by striking out all of section 10 thereof."

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Bailey from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture Re Sardine Canning Inspection Law and Standards of Contents of Cans," (S. P. 263) (L. D. 702) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Which report was read and accepted, and the Bill referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notes the presence in the Senate of pupils from Grades seven and eight of the

Woolwich Central School, with their supervisors, Mrs. Marjorie Niles and Mrs. Charlotte Thornton. We welcome you and hope that you will enjoy our session. We commend to you the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Bailey who will be very pleased to serve as your official guide during the remainder of your stay in the State House.

## Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading Reported the following Bills and Resolves:

### House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Supervisors in Department of Education to Assist Teachers." (H. P. 266) (L. D. 362)

Bill, "An Act Discontinuing Bridge over Aroostook River at Fort Fairfield as a Public Highway." (H. P. 272) (L. D. 368)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Packing of Food." (H. P. 288) (L. D. 384)

(Which bill was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.)

"Resolve to Study Advisability of State Office Building in Bangor." (H. P. 168) (L. D. 215)

"Resolve Authorizing State of Maine to Convey Certain Land in Fort Kent." (H. P. 185) (L. D. 248)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

### Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Right of Appeal Under Labor and Industry." (S. P. 159) (L. D. 406)

"Resolve Opening Certain Waters in Piscataquis County to Fishing Under General Laws." (S. P. 122) (L. D. 260)

"Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Certain Waters in Piscataquis County." (S. P. 120) (L. D. 262)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Ragged Pond, Piscataquis County." (S. P. 118) (L. D. 264)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate—as Amended**

“Resolve Regulating Salmon Fishing in Sebec Lake, Piscataquis County.” (S. P. 82) (L. D. 192)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Aroostook County.” (S. P. 119) (L. D. 263)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby it accepted the “ought not to pass” report of the Committee on Taxation on bill, “An Act Directing Public Utilities to File Schedule of Property Valuation

with Municipal Assessors.” (S. P. 187) (L. D. 466).

Mr. LOW of Knox: Mr. President, in view of the fact that this bill was introduced by one of the members of the Senate who is not in his seat at the present time, I move that it be laid upon the table and be especially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The motion prevailed, the bill was laid upon the table pending consideration of the “ought not to pass” report, and was especially assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Bailey of Sagadahoc

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.