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SENATE

Wednesday, January 20, 1960

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Douglas H. Robins of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington,

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Communication from the Secretary of State

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

To Chester T. Winslow, Secretary of the Senate of the Ninety-ninth Legislature:

In compliance with Section 1 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that on January 16, 1960 a special election was held in the County of Aroostook for the purpose of filling a vacancy caused by the succession to the office of Governor by John H. Reed of Fort Fairfield, former President of the Senate.

The vote was duly canvassed by the Governor and Council and Edward P. Cyr of Madawaska received 5,740 votes; Joseph J. Freeman of Presque Isle received 4,613 votes; Edward P. Cyr, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected a Senator from the Sixteenth Senatorial District, Aroostook County.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eighty-fourth.

(SEAL)

(Signed) **HAROLD I. GOSS**
Secretary of State

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will ask the Senators from Aroostook, Senator Briggs and Senator Rogerson to act as a committee to escort the Honorable Edward P.

Cyr to the Council Chamber where he will take and subscribe to the oath to qualify him to serve as a State Senator for the State of Maine.

Subsequently the committee returned and reported that it had discharged the duties to which it was assigned and that Edward P. Cyr had taken and subscribed to the oath to qualify him to enter upon and discharge the duties of State Senator for the State of Maine.

The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Senate, the Chair thanks the committee and asks that the committee escort the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Cyr to his seat.

This was done amidst the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

The PRESIDENT: We are happy to have you with us, Senator Cyr.

Mr. CYR of Aroostook: Thank you, Mr. President.

Communication

Report of the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements in accordance with Senate Order dated June 13, 1959 directing study of the seating arrangements, desk accommodations and the advisability of installing a public address system in the Senate Chamber.

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Mr. CHARLES of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I desire to introduce a bill, but, before I do so, I would like to have your permission to discuss it briefly.

At the close of our regular session last year the county budget for Cumberland County was approved for their estimate and budget, therefore the budget did contain a provision which called for an appropriation to take care of the county jail. However, that bill having been acted upon prior to the action on the jail bill and the jail bill having failed, it then became an unnecessary tax bill on the citizens of Cumberland County to have to assume the taxes for the amortization of bonds in anticipation of the jail, so it became unnecessary as an added financial burden upon the county. Therefore, in order to avoid this unnecessary tax upon the citizens of

Cumberland County for the coming year, I desire to present a bill that will correct the situation and try to resolve the problem in a proper manner so far as possible. Therefore, Mr. President, I present a bill and move its passage.

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read the bill.

(The bill was read by the Secretary)

The PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate that this bill be received by unanimous consent?

Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President, I hesitate to oppose the introduction of the bill, but I would like to state my reasons for doing so.

This bill was brought before the late Governor and the committee of leaders, it was talked over in our committee and it was one of the bills that was screened and passed out.

I would not be fair to the Democrats who met in caucus yesterday if I did not oppose the introduction of the bill. Some of our own members had bills and I fought for the cloture rule in our own Democratic caucus. I had two bills for the City of Biddeford come to me and I agreed not to take them in order not to offend any of the leaders who met with the Governor. One of the bills was an airport bill and one for an assistant County Attorney. I hesitated to do it, but it seemed to be the consensus of the committee that it was not the right thing to do and the committee took that action.

Insofar as the jail is concerned, and so far as the delegation from Cumberland County, I stood up here and fought for the jail and did everything I could, but it failed. If we accept this bill it looks to me as if there would be others.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Chair understand the Senator objects to the introduction of the bill?

Mr. FARLEY: I object to the introduction of the bill.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair hears objection and the bill is not received.

Senate Committee Report

Ought to Pass

Mr. CARPENTER from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Identification Numbers and Disposition of Pines Under Boating Law." (S. P. 525) (L. D. 1432) reported that the same Ought to Pass

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The PRESIDENT: At this time, the Chair would like to report on two of the standing committees which were omitted yesterday.

There is a correction on the Committee on Retirements and Pensions:

Senators:

CYR of Aroostook
NOYES of Franklin
HUNT of Kennebec

On State Government:

Senators:

NOYES of Franklin
ROSS of Sagadahoc
LESSARD of
Androscoggin

That completes the Joint Standing Committees.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot

Adjourned until tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.