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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
September 29, 1916.

On motion of Mr. WASHBURN of Perry,  
*Ordered* That the Clerk of the House prepare and cause to be printed  
Three Hundred Copies of the House Journal.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
September 29, 1916.

Read and passed.

C. C. HARVEY. *Clerk.*

A true copy,

ATTEST:

C. C. HARVEY, *Clerk.*

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SPECIAL SESSION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AUGUSTA, Friday, September 29, 1916.

At ten A. M. the House of Representatives was called to order by Hon. H. W. Trafton, Speaker, in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Father Nelligan of Augusta.

The Clerk then read the following proclamation:

STATE OF MAINE.

By the Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

*Whereas*, the Commissioner appointed under Chapter 237 of the Resolves of 1915 to complete the sixth revision of the general and public laws of the State has completed his work and is now ready to submit the final draft of such revision to the Legislature, and

*Whereas*, the amendment to Article Four of the Constitution of the State, establishing a people's veto through the optional referendum, makes it extremely important that any general revision of the statutes be submitted to the Legislature for acceptance at least ninety days prior to its next regular session; said amendment to the Constitution not seeming to permit the adoption of such revision under the emergency clause, and

*Whereas*, the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, requiring that the balance of the sums received on account of Lands Reserved for Public Uses shall remain in the treasury, have become embarrassing, and the public interests seem to require some legislative action which will permit the use of the money now in the treasury to the credit of this account, and

*Whereas*, the inhabitants of the city of Portland desire to present petitions to alter the harbor line of Portland harbor, which is a matter of vital importance to the shipping interests of the State and one that demands the early and careful consideration of the Legislature :

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, I, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol, in Augusta, on Friday, the 29th day of September, 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in order to receive such communications as may then be made to them, and to consult and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at Augusta, this 13th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1916, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 141st.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS.

By the Governor.

Attest :

JOHN E. BUNKER,  
*Secretary of State.*

A true copy,

Attest :

JOHN E. BUNKER,  
*Secretary of State.*

On motion of Mr. Gallagher of Bangor,  
The Clerk called the roll, and 144 members were found present, which is a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Thombs of Lincoln,  
The Clerk of the House was directed to convey a message to the Senate informing that body that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present, and that that body was in session and ready for business.

The Clerk subsequently informed the House that he had delivered the message that had been entrusted to him.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Lawry, Secretary of that body, informing the House that the Senate was in session, a quorum being present, and that that body was ready for business.

A message was then received from the Senate, through Mr. Lawry, Secretary of that body, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Hall of Representatives this day forthwith for the purpose of listening to a communication from the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Thombs of Lincoln,

The Clerk of the House conveyed a message to the Senate informing that body of the concurrence of the House in the proposition of the Senate for a Joint Convention.

The Clerk subsequently informed the House that he had delivered the message that had been entrusted to him.

Thereupon the Senate came in, and a convention was formed, Hon. Ira G. Hersey, President of the Senate, presiding.

### IN CONVENTION.

(For record of proceedings of Joint Convention, see Senate Journal.)

The purpose for which the Joint Convention was called having been accomplished, that body was dissolved, the Governor and attendants and the Senate retiring.

### IN HOUSE.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton introduced the following Resolution on the death of four members of the House of Representatives since the last regular session :

AUGUSTA, MAINE, September 29, 1916.

This House of Representatives finds its meeting at this time saddened by the death of four of its most respected members. The Hon. Frank S. Lord of Ellsworth, Hon. Henry W. Evans of North Bridgton, Hon. Frank Robinson of Bangor and Hon. James A. Connellan of Portland were gentlemen of high charac-

ter, great ability and marked fidelity to duty. We enjoyed our friendship with them, we appreciated their public services, and we deem it only fitting that we thus recognize the loss to the State and to us personally.

Therefore, it is

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and copies sent by the Clerk to the families of the deceased members.

On the motion of Mr. Pierce of Houlton,

These Resolutions were adopted by rising vote, the vote being unanimous.

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Commissioner on Revision of the Statutes be directed to cause Chapter 319 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An Act to Provide for State and County Aid in the Construction of Highway Bridges," and Chapter 350 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An Act Relative to the Hours of Employment of Women and Minors," to be printed as an appendix to the volume of the Revised Statutes and included in the index.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and by the House, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Houlton, was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WESCOTT of Blue Hill,

*Ordered*, That the employees of the House receive the same compensation as the members.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of South Portland,

*Ordered*, That Arthur H. Whitman of Portland, be appointed the Official Reporter of the House for the present session.

On motion of Mr. WASHBURN of Perry,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House prepare and cause to be printed Three Hundred copies of the House Journal.

On motion of Mr. WASGATT of Deer Isle,

*Ordered*, The Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be instructed to furnish each officer and member of the Seventy-Seventh Legislature a copy of the Revised Statutes when ready.

The order was sent up for concurrence.

The report of Hon. John A. Morrill, Commissioner on the Revision of the Statutes,

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and by the House, on motion of Mr. McCARTY of Lewiston, was read and accepted in concurrence.

The Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Revision of the Statutes of the Seventy-Seventh Legislature,

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and by the House, on motion of Mr. McCARTY of Lewiston, was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Public Laws of the State,

Came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McCARTY of Lewiston,

The rules were suspended, and the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

This bill was then reported from the Committee on engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

The Report of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes on Report of the Commissioner on the Revision and Consolidation of the Public Laws of the State of Maine, reporting Bill "An Act to Repeal the Acts Consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the Year 1916," and that the same ought to pass.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. McCARTY of Lewiston,

The report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill An Act to Repeal the Acts Consolidated in the Revised Statutes of 1916,

Came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McCarty of Lewiston,

The rules were suspended, and the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

This bill was then reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

*Ordered,* The House concurring, that 675 copies of the Legislative Record for the Special Session of 1916 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library use.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and by the House was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the State Treasurer to the Special Session of the Seventy-Seventh Legislature on "Interest on Lands Reserved for Public Uses Fund,"

Came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and by the House, on motion of Mr. Hanson of Sanford, was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate.

Came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. HANSON of Sanford,

The rules were suspended, and the Resolve received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

*Ordered,* The House concurring, that the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs be directed to make up the pay-roll of the members, officers, employees and chaplains of the Senate and House.

Came from the Senate read and passed, and by the House was read and passed in concurrence.

Petitions creating a new Harbor Commission for the cities of Portland and South Portland and authorizing the extension of the present harbor lines of Portland harbor,

Came from the Senate read and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. SANFORD of South Portland,

The petitions were read and placed on file in concurrence.

Bill An Act to Authorize the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Portland to Alter and Modify the Harbor Lines,

Came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.



On motion of Mr. SANBORN of South Portland,  
The rules were suspended, and the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. RICKER of Castine asked and obtained unanimous consent to introduce a resolve, and introduced

*Resolve* on the Pay-Roll of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. RICKER,

The rules were suspended and the resolved received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed. It was then sent to the Senate.

*Ordered,* The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourned it be to meet on Saturday, September 30th, at nine o'clock in the forenoon,

Came from the Senate read and passed, and by the House was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill An Act for the Payment of the per Diem and Mileage and for Other Expenditures Incident to the Special Session of the 77th Legislature,

Came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Brewer,

The rules were suspended, and the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. St. Clair of Calais,

Adjourned to nine o'clock Saturday morning, September 30.

C. C. HARVEY,

*Clerk.*

AUGUSTA, MAINE, September 30, 1916.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of South Portland,  
*Ordered*, The Senate concurring, that there be paid out of the Treasury of the State the sum of Fifty Dollars to C. C. Harvey, Clerk of the House, for additional clerical assistance in the preparation of the House Journal for the Special Session, and for the supervision of the publication of the same, and a like amount to W. E. Lawry, Secretary of the Senate, for additional clerical assistance in the preparation of the Senate Journal for the Special Session and for the supervision of the publication of the same.

The order was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill An Act to Authorize the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Portland to Alter and Modify the Harbor Lines;

Bill An Act for the payment of the Per Diem and Mileage and for Other Expenditures Incident to the Special Session of the 77th Legislature;

Resolve on the Pay-Roll of the Senate;

Resolve on the Pay-Roll of the House of Representatives;

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PIERCE of Houlton,

A message was sent to the Senate, by Mr. Pierce himself, who was appointed for that purpose by the Speaker, informing that body that the House had transacted all the business before it, and was ready to adjourn without day.

Mr. Pierce subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the Senate, through Senator Fulton of Aroostook, informing the House that the Senate had transacted all the business before it, and was ready to adjourn without day.

*Ordered,* The House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them and are ready to receive any further communication he may be pleased to make,

Came from the Senate read and passed, with the following members appointed on the part of the Senate :

Messrs. Murphy of Cumberland,  
Conant of Waldo,  
Walker of Somerset.

The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House :

Messrs. Davis of Old Town,  
Wasgatt of Deer Isle,  
Jameson of Friendship,  
Gerrish of Greenville,  
Sanborn of South Portland,  
St. Clair of Calais,  
Dilling of Easton.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, with membership as given above.

Mr. Davis of the Committee subsequently reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned it.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State, by way of the Senate :

STATE OF MAINE.  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

AUGUSTA, September 30, 1916.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Gentlemen :—

In accordance with the requirements of Section four, Chapter one of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that

the Public Acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN E. BUNKER,

*Secretary of State.*

Came from the Senate read.

The communication was read in concurrence.

The following communication was received from the Executive Department, by way of the Senate:

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

AUGUSTA, September 30, 1916.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I herewith transmit a list of Acts and Resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me, numbering four Acts and two Resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,

*Governor.*

Came from the Senate read.

The communication was read in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PIERCE of Houlton,

The House, at 9.49 A. M., adjourned without day.

C. C. HARVEY,

*Clerk.*

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