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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*One-Hundredth Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1961

DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

## HOUSE

Wednesday, January 11, 1961

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Roger Blinn of Gardiner.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the following statement of legislative ethics be incorporated in the 1961 edition of the "Senate and House Registers":

"Any public office holder is charged with responsible conduct commensurate with the trust placed in him by the electorate. In a free government the official is entrusted with the security, safety, health, prosperity, and general well-being of those whom he serves. With such a trust high moral and ethical standards producing the public's confidence, with the reduction to a minimum of any conflict between private interests and official duties, should be observed. No state legislator will accept any employment which can possibly impair his independence and integrity of judgment nor will he exercise his position of trust to secure unwarranted privileges for himself or for others. The Maine legislator will be ever mindful of the ordinary citizen who might otherwise be unrepresented, and will endeavor conscientiously to pursue the highest standards of legislative conduct." (S. P. 54)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation, amounts included in fortnightly lists, certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, and that the final payrolls of such officers at the end of the session bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (S. P. 85)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Orders were read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee be authorized to employ the services of an attorney for the duration of the 100th Legislature to act in the capacity of Research Assistant (S. P. 86)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman. For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. WELLMAN: Could I ask a question for clarification on the cost involved in this?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, has addressed a question through the Chair which may be answered by anyone if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Cox.

Mr. COX: Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee has cleared this with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and the cost will not exceed one thousand dollars.

The SPEAKER: Does that answer the question of the gentleman from Bangor?

Mr. WELLMAN: Yes.

Thereupon, the Order was passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Foreign Corporations" (S. P. 36) (L. D. 78)

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:

Resolve in favor of Wayne Innis of Bath (S. P. 35) (L. D. 77)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Area Recreational Signs for Rangeley Area" (S. P. 3) (L. D. 3)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Permitting Archery Licensees to Hunt During Regular Season" (S. P. 7) (L. D. 7)

Bill "An Act Establishing a Uniform Open Deer Season" (S. P. 16) (L. D. 16)

Bill "An Act relating to License Fee for Nonresident Hunting Licensees" (S. P. 17) (L. D. 17)

Bill "An Act Repealing Reports by Trappers of Wild Animals" (S. P. 27) (L. D. 52)

Bill "An Act Repealing Reports by Guides under Fish and Game Laws" (S. P. 28) (L. D. 53)

Bill "An Act relating to Seine or Bag Net of Bait Dealers under Fish and Game Law" (S. P. 29) (L. D. 54)

Bill "An Act Regulating Fishing for White Perch in Certain Counties" (S. P. 30) (L. D. 55)

Bill "An Act relating to Prohibited Implements in Hunting Wild Birds or Animals" (S. P. 32) (L. D. 57)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Beaver" (S. P. 33) (L. D. 58)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Use of Power Boats on Quimby Pond, Rangeley" (S. P. 40) (L. D. 82)

Bill "An Act relating to Rules and Regulations in Fishing" (S. P. 43) (L. D. 120)

Resolve Prohibiting Live Fish as Bait in Certain Waters (S. P. 26) (L. D. 51)

Resolve relating to Opening Date for Open Water Fishing on Certain Waters (S. P. 34) (L. D. 59)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Cheating by False Pretenses" (S. P. 8) (L. D. 8)

Bill "An Act relating to Distribution of Obscene Literature to Minors" (S. P. 9) (L. D. 9)

Bill "An Act Clarifying Selection of Additional Jurors by Jury Commissioners" (S. P. 10) (L. D. 10)

Bill "An Act relating to Notification to Attorney General on Petitions for Pardon and Commutation Sentences" (S. P. 11) (L. D. 11)

Bill "An Act Clarifying Challenges in Trials of Offenses Punishable by Imprisonment for Life" (S. P. 12) (L. D. 12)

Bill "An Act relating to Deduction of Sentence in County Jails" (S. P. 18) (L. D. 18)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Indecent Liberties" (S. P. 19) (L. D. 19)

Resolve Authorizing Charlotte Alex to Bring Action Against the State of Maine (S. P. 4) (L. D. 4)

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 Exempting Certain Salesmen from the Minimum Wage Law" (S. P. 20) (L. D. 45)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Time of Payment of Wages" (S. P. 22) (L. D. 47)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Creating a State Athletic Commission and Regulating Wrestling" (S. P. 25) (L. D. 50)

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

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

### Tabled

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Second Injury Fund and Vocational Rehabilitation under Workmen's Compensation Act" (S. P. 37) (L. D. 79)

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

In the House, on motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield, tabled unassigned pending reference to a Committee.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the Un-

organized Territory" (S. P. 24) (L. D. 49)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

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From the Senate:

Resolve Authorizing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to Convey Certain Land in Town of Salem (S. P. 31) (L. D. 56)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

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From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Capital Stock of Maine Public Service Company" (S. P. 23) (L. D. 48)

Bill "An Act to Enlarge the Powers and Purposes of Rangeley Power Company" (S. P. 41) (L. D. 83)

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

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

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From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Survivor Benefits and Budget Estimates under Maine State Retirement System" (S. P. 13) (L. D. 13)

Resolve Providing for a Pension for Almon Wentworth of Palermo (S. P. 6) (L. D. 6)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

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From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Regulating Digging of Clamworms in Washington County" (S. P. 15) (L. D. 15)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing for an Assistant County Attorney for York County" (S. P. 21) (L. D. 46)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Senators to Four-Year Terms (S. P. 5) (L. D. 5)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

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

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From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Authorizing Discretionary Operation of County Jails" (S. P. 38) (L. D. 80)

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.

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### Messages and Documents

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE CHAMBER

January 10, 1961

Harvey R. Pease, Clerk  
House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

To fill the vacancies on the Interstate Cooperation Committee, the President today appointed Senator Davis of Cumberland, and Senator Carpenter of Somerset.

Respectfully,

(Signed) CHESTER T. WINSLOW  
Chester T. Winslow  
Secretary

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The following Communication:

December 16, 1960

Mr. Harvey Pease, Clerk  
House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

Ref: Legislative Document No. 1448, H. P. 1027, Chapter 218, P.S. Laws of 1959. Council Order 646, November 28, 1960.

Above reference directs the Maine Port Authority to report to the One-Hundredth State of Maine Legislature on "**An Act Appropriating Moneys to the Maine Port Authority for a Survey at Long Island Plantation**".

By this letter, with enclosures, we are making available to the One-Hundredth Legislature a Preliminary report.

A copy of this report has also been forwarded to Mr. Chester Winslow, Secretary of the Maine Senate.

A final report will be prepared and submitted, during the early part of the One-Hundredth Legislative Session.

A copy of the report has also been sent to the Governor.

Sincerely yours,

MAINE PORT AUTHORITY  
(Signed) EDWARD LANGLOIS  
Edward Langlois  
General Manager

Enclosures:

1. Economic Study of Long Island Plantation.
2. Engineering Studies of Long Island Plantation:
  - a. Borings
  - b. Scheme 1
  - c. Scheme 2
  - d. Scheme 3
3. Copy of Charter Agreement between the Maine Port Authority and Island Transportation Co.
4. Preliminary Report.

The Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

The following Report: (H. P. 178)  
To the 100th Legislature.

Report of Interim Committee on the subjects of the Second Injury Fund and revisions of Workmen's Compensation Coverage Rules.

Pursuant to S-502 herewith report on its study of "An Act relating to Workmen's Compensation Insurance" (S. P. 37) (L. D. 35) 99th Legislature.

After holding meetings at Augusta, Maine on the following dates: November 20, 1959 — December 28, 1959 — January 29, 1960 — July 15, 1960 — August 13, 1960 — October 21, 1960 — November 18, 1960 — December 9, 1960 — December 30, 1960 — and January 5, 1961 your committee respectfully submits proposed changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(Signed)

CYRIL M. JOLY  
B. J. DORSKY  
ROGER A. PUTNAM  
THOMAS N. WEEKS  
HAROLD A. TOWLE Sec.

January 5, 1961

The Report was read and with accompanying papers referred to the Committee on Labor, and sent up for 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 Disposition of Fines and Costs of Imprisonment under Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws" (H. P. 128) (Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Repealing Limitation on Amount of Group Life Insurance" (H. P. 129) (Presented by Mr. Minsky of Bangor by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Claims

Resolve in favor of Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital of Greenville (H. P. 130) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Greenville)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Smithfield (H. P. 131) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Smithfield)  
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Limestone for 1958 Connor Poll Taxes Paid the State (H. P. 132) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Stockholm)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Election Laws**

Bill "An Act Eliminating Candidate Residence from Ballot" (H. P. 133) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Smithfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Changing Signature Requirements on Nomination Papers for Municipal Office" (H. P. 134) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for Alphabetical Listing of Candidates on Election Ballot" (H. P. 135) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Highways**

Resolve Designating Winslow Bridge as "The Fort Halifax Bridge" (H. P. 136) (Presented by Mr. Dostie of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Ice Fishing Shacks" (H. P. 137) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Smithfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Long Island Plantation" (H. P. 138) (Presented by Mr. Kimball of Mount Desert)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Collection and Disposition of Money Received for Violation of Fish and Game Laws" (H. P. 139) (Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Wadleigh Pond, Piscataquis County (H. P. 144) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Greenville)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Wiggin Brook, Piscataquis County

(H. P. 145) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Squaw Pond, T3, R5, Piscataquis County (H. P. 146) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Temple Pond, Somerset County (H. P. 147) (Presented by Mr. Beane of Moscow)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Taking of Smelts in Kingsbury Pond and Mayfield Pond (H. P. 148) (Presented by Mr. Edgerly of Sangerville)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Hay Pond, Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 149) (Presented by Mrs. Harrington of Patten)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act relating to Relocation Payments in Eminent Domain" (H. P. 140) (Presented by Mr. Briggs of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Costs and Fees in Civil Cases in Municipal and Trial Justice Courts" (H. P. 141) (Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Associate Judges or Recorders Pro Tempore of Municipal Courts" (H. P. 142) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Review of Laws of Forestry Department" (H. P. 143) (Presented by Mr. Wellman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Labor**

Bill "An Act Making Unlawful Picketing Violence which Prevents Delivery of Necessary Supplies or Services" (H. P. 150) (Presented by Mr. Hancock of Nobleboro)  
(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Certain Policemen under Occupational Disease Law" (H. P.

151) (Presented by Mr. Minsky of Bangor)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Superintending School Committee for Town of Greenville" (H. P. 152) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Greenville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Limit of Endowment Fund of Foxcroft Academy" (H. P. 153) (Presented by Mr. Edgerly of Sangerville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase Indebtedness of the Town of Wiscasset School District" (H. P. 154) (Presented by Mr. Hancock of Nobleboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Number of Trustees and Executive Committee of Lincoln Academy" (H. P. 155) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Officers in the City of Lewiston" (H. P. 156) (Presented by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Officers and Employees of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 157) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Office Hours of Office of Mayor of Lewiston" (H. P. 158) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Public Hearing on Certain Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting" (H. P. 159) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Displays of Fireworks by Certain Organizations" (H. P. 160) (Presented by Mr. Wood of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Limestone Water and Sew-

er District" (H. P. 161) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Stockholm)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### State Government

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Medical Examiners for View without Autopsy" (H. P. 162) (Presented by Mr. Danes of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing the Maine Military Defense Commission to Convey Certain Land in Bangor (H. P. 163) (Presented by Mr. Wellman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Taxation

Bill "An Act Abolishing Tax on Transient Rentals" (H. P. 175) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Smithfield)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Request for Payment to the Town of Limestone of Poll Taxes Collected by State from Residents of Connor" (H. P. 176) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Stockholm)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Interest on Inheritance Taxes" (H. P. 177) (Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Judge and Associate Judge of Bangor Municipal Court" (H. P. 164) (Presented by Mr. Minsky of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Notification of Appointment and Compensation for Special Deputies" (H. P. 165) (Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Certain Per Diem Fees of Deputy Sheriffs" (H. P. 166) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Special Deputies for Kennebec and Penobscot Counties" (H. P. 167) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)



Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Chief Deputy Sheriffs Performing Special Duties" (H. P. 168) (Presented by same gentleman) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Uniforms for Deputy Sheriffs" (H. P. 169) (Presented by same gentleman) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Sheriff of Kennebec County" (H. P. 170) (Presented by same gentleman) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Judge and Associate Judge of Bar Harbor Municipal Court" (H. P. 171) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Annual Payments to Waldo County Law Library" (H. P. 172) (Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of Fines for Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 173) (Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Fines Collected for Violation of Law Regulating Motor Trucks for Hire" (H. P. 174) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield presented the following Order and moved its passage.

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized to appoint an Amendment Clerk instead of a Public Address System Operator as provided in the Order passed by the House on January 4.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In brief explanation of this Order, the public address system operator previously has been only a public address system operator, and has had no other duties. To make this setup a little more efficient the Clerk would like to use clerical

help from his office on the switchboard so that on their off hours they can be used to help out in the Clerk's office. That is the reason for a change in this order. Under the classification rules, in order to pay a clerk's wage the name of the job must be changed. Thereupon, the Order received passage.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Vassalboro, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Anson Williams of the Riverside Congregational Church, Vassalboro, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, January 17, 1961.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy of Milbridge, it was

ORDERED, that no pictures or photographs be taken in the hall of the House while the House is in session, unless on some special occasion and then only when authorized by the Speaker.

Mrs. Harrington of Patten was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mrs. HARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to report on the plates. We have decided on green, and we are going to have 100th Legislature put at the bottom; and we have been lobbied very hard to have the seal, so we are going to have the seal on one side. I hope you all like it. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Since the matter of plates will be discussed further, if necessary, immediately following adjournment today, I would rather not have any further discussion on that matter at this time.

Mr. Bragdon of Perham was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a member of the Legislative Research Committee I would like at this time to call your attention to the biographical sketches which have been printed and distributed by the Kennebec Journal. As most of you are aware, a subcommittee

of the Research Committee was set up to carry out plans for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Maine Legislature, and included in these plans are these biographical sketches which are dedicated to the occasion. A courtesy copy of this book has been made available by this Committee to the members of the House and Senate and the Press. Members of the House will find their copies in the Legislative Post Office. You will note in this booklet certain information relative to the celebration which will come officially on March 15, the birthday of our State. The members of our subcommittee look forward to this as a memorable occasion. Thank you.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Now ordinarily, under orders of the day, is when we take up matters which require unanimous consent. We took them up a little bit out of order at this time.

The Clerk has in his possession two communications which he will read at this time, out of order, if there is no objection. The Chair hears none; the Clerk will read the communications.

The Clerk:

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Augusta

January 11, 1961

The Hon. Vinal G. Good  
Speaker of the House

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my resignation as a member of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Respectfully,

(Signed) IRVING D. FOGG  
Irving D. Fogg

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this resignation shall be accepted?

The motion prevailed.

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Augusta

January 11, 1961

The Hon. Vinal G. Good  
Speaker of the House  
100th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my resignation as a member of the Joint Committee on Election Laws.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) LOUIS JALBERT  
Louis Jalbert

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this resignation shall be accepted?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: Now, the original assignments to these committees of these two gentlemen were made at the suggestion of the leaders of the Democratic Party. Now at this time, the Chair will make the following assignments:

To the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs will be assigned in the place of the gentleman, Mr. Fogg, the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

And on the Committee on Election Laws will be assigned the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Joint Order — Relative to amending Joint Rule 19B (Cloture Rule), House Paper 81, tabled on January 4 by the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter, pending passage.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield, the Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Order — Relative to amending Rule 8 and adding new Rule 31A (Committee on Rules and Business), tabled on January 4 by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, pending passage.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It appears that these rules need considerable more study, I think not only by the new members but by the old members as well, before action is taken on them. In the meantime, we need to have some idea what we are operating under, and we also need very badly to get our Senate and House register published, which contains these rules. We have not only the two rules in question here under tabled items numbered two and three, but we have many more rules which will come to us from the Senate. We also have a batch of amendments here today, which you notice that we have to cope with.

And so, it appears that this has developed into a large and rather complicated subject. For this reason we have a feeling that perhaps the best solution to this problem is to refer these proposed rules to the Joint Committee on State Government for hearing and reporting back out to us with their recommendation later on in the session. To allow both parties to caucus on these questions, I am now going to move that item number two, on the table, House Order relative to amending Rule 8 and adding Rule 31A, be tabled unassigned.

Thereupon, the House Order was tabled unassigned pending passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Order — Relative to adding House

Rule 35A and amending House Rule 36 (Debate and Amendments), tabled on January 4 by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield, the House Order was tabled unassigned pending passage.

The SPEAKER: Now the Chair would like to say at this time, that the Speaker is always available to the members of the House; and perhaps later on I will set a regular time when I will be there. But I would like to think that we are always available, and I think you will usually find the door is always open except if we happen to be changing our clothes at that particular time. So we hope that you will drop in any time, and I know you have a lot of problems to solve. If I can't solve them, perhaps I can direct somebody that will. And when I say that, of course I include all the one hundred and fifty members of the House. I have been very pleased with the members of both the Republican and Democratic party, who have been dropping in and discussing matters. And I think we have got to work jointly along state matters and I am sure that we are going to.

Now, when we adjourn here, we are going to discuss these legislative plates, if necessary, for a few moments.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.