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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Thursday, February 16, 1961

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Alfred H. Ives of Gardiner.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec,

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin, out of order and under suspension of the rules

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 21, at ten o'clock in the morning.

(S. P. 463)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes in the Senate Chamber one of our former members of the Senate, a former member of the House and Chairman of the Governor's Council. The Chair would request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum, former Senator and Council Chairman, Harold Worthen.

This was done amid the applause of the Senate.

Papers from the House

Bill, "An Act Providing an Interstate Welfare Compact." (S. P. 443) (L. D. 1397)

In Senate on February 8, referred to Committee on State Government.

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Welfare in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, that Body voted to recede and concur.

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

In Senate on February 1, passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B" (Filing H-28) in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, that Body voted to recede and concur.

House Paper

Bill, "An Act Relating to Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell High School Pupil Tuition Authorization." (H. P. 191) (L. D. 314)

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Order

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development be and hereby is directed to make a study of the so-called Armour Report and make such recommendations to this legislature relative thereto, by bill or otherwise, as the findings of the committee warrant, and be it further

ORDERED, that the Department of Economic Development supply each member of the legislature with a copy of the so-called Armour Report.

Which Order received a passage. Sent down for concurrence.

Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
Office of the Governor

February 16, 1961

To the 100th Legislature
Gentlemen:

It is with distinct pleasure that I have learned of the desire of former Governor Percival Proctor Baxter to create an operating Trust Fund for Baxter State Park.

The philanthropy of Governor Baxter, over the years, has exemplified man's concern for his brethren.

May I respectfully suggest that this generous offer be accepted by you, on behalf of the citizens of Maine, with the humility and kind thought of the giver, in order that his desire to preserve the natural beauty of our State of Maine for posterity be fulfilled.

Sincerely,
(Signed) JOHN H. REED
Governor

Which Communication was read and placed on file.

Additional Paper From the House

Bill, "An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter a Gift of One Thousand Shares of the Capital Stock of the Proprietors of Portland Pier and Creating the Baxter State Park Trust Fund." (H. P. 1064)

Mr. PORTEOUS of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I rise in recognition of this act of generosity by our former Governor.

His service to his state and his work in behalf of the people and animals of his State are well-known and unexceeded. He is a great statesman of the State of Maine and a great humanitarian.

The Honorable Percival Proctor Baxter, former Mayor of Portland and Governor of the State of Maine 1921 to 1924, is to be thanked sincerely for this generosity.

In the past Governor Baxter has given to the State the State School for the Deaf on Mackworth Island and, 193,254 acres of forest land in the Katahdin area known as Baxter State Park, and this gift of nearly half a million dollars will help perpetuate the care and maintenance of this Baxter State Park.

I move at this time that this Act be received by unanimous consent.

Thereupon, there being no objection, the bill was received by unanimous consent.

Bill, "An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter a Gift of One Thousand Shares of the Capital Stock of the Proprietors of Portland Pier and Creating the Baxter State Park Trust Fund." (H. P. 1064)

Emergency preamble. Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature the acceptance of the gifts as offered by the Honorable Percival Proctor Baxter creates an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and requires the following Legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Maine by several acts of the Legislature approved by the several Governors, 1930-1955, has accepted as gifts from Percival Proctor Baxter, for-

mer Governor of the State of Maine, an area of forest land in Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties totaling 193,254 acres known as Baxter State Park, the same now being held by said State In Trust for Public Park, Public Forest and Public Recreational Purposes; and

WHEREAS, the said Baxter wishes to share with the State in part the cost of caring for, protecting and operating said area of land in accordance with the conditions in the several acts of the Legislature accepting said gifts as recorded in the laws of Maine hereby accepts from said Percival Proctor Baxter all of the one thousand (1000) shares of stock of the Proprietors of Portland Pier Corporation, a Maine Corporation also known as Portland Pier the same being all the outstanding shares of said corporation all owned by said Baxter, all taxes paid, free from all claims and encumbrances and said corporation is the owner of municipal bonds, corporation shares and cash, to the value of \$488,942.64 as of January 1, 1961 which constitutes all of the assets of said corporation to be held In Trust forever for the benefit of the people of the State of Maine and to be known as Baxter State Park Trust Fund, the principal thereof to be invested and reinvested, the income therefrom to be used by said State for the care, protection and operation of said 193,254 acres of forest land known as Baxter State Park.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee, the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: At this time, the Chair would like to ask the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Gilbert, who is also the Mayor of the City of Augusta, to act as presiding officer of the Senate. Will the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Gilbert, please come to the rostrum.

Thereupon, Senator Gilbert of Kennebec assumed the Chair, the President retiring.

**House
Leave to Withdraw**

The Committee on Election Laws on Bill, "An Act Providing for Voting Place in Rockwood." (H. P. 473) (L. D. 673) reported that the same be granted leave to withdraw.

Ought Not to Pass

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Eliminating Candidate Residence from Ballot." (H. P. 133) (L. D. 196) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Repealing Law Regulating Change of Address of Voters." (H. P. 739) (L. D. 1026) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Providing a Bounty on Seals." (H. P. 421) (L. D. 596) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

House — Ought to Pass

The Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Revising the Maine Economic Poisons Law." (H. P. 220) (L. D. 335) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Claims on Resolve, to Reimburse Edward M. Healy for Repairs to Androscoggin Lake Dam. (H. P. 232) (L. D. 346) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Resolve, to Reimburse Canton Water District for Damage from Highway Construction. (H. P. 298) (L. D. 450) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Student Rates for Ferry Service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island." (H. P. 476) (L. D. 676) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Resolve, Designating Abbott Village Bridge as "The Page-Carr Bridge." (H. P. 306) (L. D. 458) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Defini-

tion of Retail Sale Under Sales and Use Tax Law." (H. P. 543) (L. D. 740) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Poll Taxes." (H. P. 547) (L. D. 744) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills and Resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

House — Ought to Pass — New Draft — New Title

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Exempting Non-Profit and Charitable Institutions from Sales and Use Tax." (H. P. 38) (L. D. 72) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft under New Title.

Bill, "An Act Exempting Certain Nonprofit and Charitable Institutions from Sales and Use Tax Law." (H. P. 1060) (L. D. 1360)

Report read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill in New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass — New Draft — Same Title

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Tax on Interim Rental of Property Purchased for Re-sale." (H. P. 424) (L. D. 599) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft under Same Title (H. P. 1061) (L. D. 1361)

Report read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill in New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

House

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Claims on Resolve, in Favor of Myron Reynolds of Brooks. (H. P. 233) (L. D. 347) reported that the same Ought to pass as House Amendment "A".

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

The Committee on Natural Resources on Bill, "An Act Amending the Christmas Tree Law." (H. P. 265) (L. D. 379) reported that the same Ought to pass.

In House, report was read and accepted, House Amendment "A" (Filing H-30) read and adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House Amendment A read and adopted and the bill as amended tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Senate

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Erwin from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Stopping Motor Vehicles by Siren of Police Officers." (S. P. 139) (L. D. 322) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Rate of Premiums for Group Life Insurance." (S. P. 157) (L. D. 403) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Brown from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate General Discount Corporation (Maine)." (S. P. 159) (L. D. 405) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Porteous from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate International Mortgage Corporation (Maine)." (S. P. 250) (L. D. 767) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Marden from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Creating a Committee to Plan for an Institution Serving as a Reception and Treatment Center." (S. P. 322) (L. D. 997) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Boardman from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Disposition of Eyes After Death." (S. P. 113) (L. D. 258) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Trustees of and Investments by Odd Fellows' Home of Maine." (S. P. 194) (L. D. 527)

reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve, to Increase Retirement Benefit for Susie H. Yeaton of Harrington. (S. P. 301) (L. D. 912) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted, the Bills and Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Mr. Erwin from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Resident County Commissioner of Aroostook County." (S. P. 333) (L. D. 1008) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, was laid upon the table pending adoption of Committee Amendment A.

At this point, President Hillman assumed the Chair, Mr. Gilbert of Kennebec retiring amid the applause of the Senate.

Second Readers

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

Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Eminent Domain Appeal Procedure in the Bowdoinham Water District Charter." (H. P. 30) (L. D. 64)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Facsimile Signature of Forest Commissioner." (H. P. 77) (L. D. 119)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Time on Deer in Long Island Plantation." (H. P. 138) (L. D. 201)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Limestone Water and Sewer District." (H. P. 161) (L. D. 224)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Source of Supply for Hampden Water District." (H. P. 336) (L. D. 488)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Lien Notices and Time of Annual Meeting of Kennebunk Sewer District." (H. P. 337) (L. D. 489)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses." (H. P. 399) (L. D. 574)

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Water District." (H. P. 417) (L. D. 592)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Water Supply and Indebtedness of South Berwick Water District." (H. P. 529) (L. D. 727)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Starks Water District." (H. P. 622) (L. D. 839)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Jay Village Water District." (H. P. 623) (L. D. 840)

Bill, "An Act to Increase Service Area and Borrowing Capacity of East Boothbay Water District." (H. P. 624) (L. D. 841)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Borrowing Capacity of Mars Hill Utility District." (H. P. 625) (L. D. 842)

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

House — New Draft — Same Title

Bill, "An Act Relating to Signals at Railroad Crossings." (H. P. 1058) (L. D. 1319) New Draft of H. P. 418, L. D. 593.

Which was read a second time in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, tabled pending passage to be engrossed, and especially assigned for Wednesday next.

House — New Draft — As Amended

Bill, "An Act Regulating the Digging of Clams in Wells, York County." (H. P. 1059) (L. D. 1320) New Draft of H. P. 4, L. D. 23.

Which was read a second time, and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

House — As Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Registration of Saddlemount Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 281) (L. D. 395)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Resolve, Closing Hay Pond, Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing. (H. P. 149) (L. D. 212)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees for Replacement Motor Vehicle License Plates and Inserts." (S. P. 211) (L. D. 544)

Bill, "An Act Permitting Bars in Taverns." (S. P. 235) (L. D. 639)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue for Purchase of Voting Machines for Resale to Municipalities." (S. P. 281) (L. D. 882)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Stilphen of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate out of order and under suspension of the rules.

Mr. STILPHEN: Mr. President and members of the Senate: On behalf of the committee established to commemorate the 100th Legislature, I would like to bring to you today a paper on the Great Seal of the State of Maine, and on your desks you will find the seal inscribed on this pamphlet.

The foremost symbol of the State of Maine is its Great Seal. It is affixed to commissions of office and to various other important State documents and is displayed on our State flag.

Since this year we are commemorating the 100 Legislatures of Maine, it would appear appropriate that we reflect briefly upon the significance and history of this emblem which, over the 141 years of our history as a State, has symbolized the authority of our elected Government.

Although there have been variations over the years in the artistic quality of our State Seal, and in the rendering of that design upon metal for impressions, the basic design has remained the same since its adoption in the year of our admission into the Union as a separate State, 1820.

There was immediate need for a State Seal as soon as Maine became a State, and one of the first actions of the First Legislature

which convened in Portland in 1820 was the adoption of such a seal. A legislative committee was appointed on June 2nd of that year to "report a suitable Device and Seal for the State of Maine." Colonel Isaac G. Reed of Waldoboro is credited with the careful description of the proposed seal and Benjamin Vaughan of Hallowell, although neither a member of the committee nor of the Legislature, is believed to have contributed substantially to its conception. First drawings, unfortunately, were crude. But, since haste was necessary, Robert Eastman of Brunswick was commissioned to make the metal die. Among complaints about the early design was that the moose on the Seal resembled "a deer with moose horns."

The elements that comprised the design of the Seal were particularly fitting to the new State. In the center was a shield charged with one of Maine's famous Mast Pines, a moose lying at the foot of the pine. The shield was flanked on its right side by a farmer with a scythe and on its left side by a sailor leaning on an anchor. Under the shield appeared the word "MAINE" in capitals. Above the shield was the motto "Dirigo," meaning "I guide" or "I direct," and above that, serving as a crest, a representation of the North Star.

The pine symbolized Maine's flourishing forests, the moose its abundant wildlife, the farmer and the seaman the primary vocations of Maine men, and the North Star Maine's position, in the words of description printed in the 1820 Maine Laws, as "the most northern State of the Union."

There are those who have believed that by use of the North Star as a crest and "Dirigo" as a motto, Maine was claiming ascendancy over the other States of the Union. That this belief is erroneous is attested to by a passage in those 1820 Laws which says "as the Polar Star has been considered the mariner's guide and director in conducting the ship over the pathless ocean to the desired haven, and the center of magnetic attraction; as it has been

figuratively used to denote the point to which all affections turn, and as it here is intended to represent the State, it may be considered the citizen's guide and the object to which the patriot's best exertions should be directed." Thus, it is clear that the use of the North Star and the motto symbolized the relationship between the citizen of Maine and his State.

The importance of the Great Seal as the sign of the State's legal authority is evidence by the controversy over its possession during the election dispute of 1879-80. Since no gubernatorial candidate had received a majority of the votes in the election of September, 1879, the choice of a Governor was referred to the Legislature. To compound the excitement of this tumultuous time, the outgoing Fusionist Governor and Council in canvassing the votes for legislators ruled out sufficient votes, on the grounds of irregularities, to change the composition of the Legislature so that the apparent Republican majority gave way to a Fusionist majority. However, the Maine Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Republicans.

During the period of controversy, the Fusionists elected Prince A. Sawyer, Secretary of State, who, in obvious disagreement with the judicial decision, removed the State Seal and other important documents from the office of Secretary of State for safekeeping. Under threat of legal retaliation, Mr. Sawyer returned the Seal which had been missing from its accustomed place for about a week. The new Legislature, however, in the meantime had authorized a new Seal to replace the old one. And the Legislature then enacted a law which made removal of the State Seal from the office of the Secretary of State an act punishable "by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years, and by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars."

The State Seal in use today is from the design made in 1919 by an artist of the American Type Foundry Company of Boston, believed to have been the book illustrator, Ludwig S. Ipsen. For convenience, there are two dies, one hand op-

erated and the other by electrical power. The design of the present Great Seal of the State of Maine is in accordance with the description found in the 1820 Laws, but it is executed with far greater artistry than the earliest designs.

The Great Seal of the State of Maine still symbolizes the legal authority of a freely-elected State Government and that is why it is revered today, just as was that first Seal 141 years ago in 1820.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to thank the Senator from Knox, Senator Stilphen, for his interesting and historical message, and I am sure I speak for all of the Senators in the Chamber.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following Bills and Resolves:

Bill, "An Act to Create a Law Revision Commission." (H. P. 15) (L. D. 34)

(On motion by Mr. Davis of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Controlled Atmosphere Storage of Apples." (H. P. 84) (L. D. 124)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Marking and Advertising Apples." (H. P. 85) (L. D. 125)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Marking Contents of Certain Cans of Fish or Sardines." (H. P. 107) (L. D. 147)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Standish Financial Corporation." (H. P. 186) (L. D. 282)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Debt Limit Under Small Claims Law." (H. P. 198) (L. D. 293)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Location of Office of Maine Indemnity Company." (H. P. 228) (L. D. 342)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Name and Powers of Augusta Mutual Plate Glass and Insurance Company." (H. P. 229) (L. D. 343)

Bill, "An Act to Provide for Additional Group Life Insurance Coverage for State Employees and Teachers." (H. P. 272) (L. D. 386)

(On motion by Mr. Davis of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Spot or Auxiliary Lights in Motor Vehicles and Lights on Snow Removal Equipment." (H. P. 282) (L. D. 396)

(On motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Application of Federal Social Security to Policemen." (H. P. 338) (L. D. 490)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees of Town Clerks for Recording Instruments by Photostat." (H. P. 433) (L. D. 608)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Tolls on Bridge Across Jonesport Reach." (H. P. 786) (L. D. 922)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Order of Divorce Concerning Minor Children." (S. P. 95) (L. D. 190)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Civilian Employees of Maine National Guard Under State Retirement System." (S. P. 145) (L. D. 328)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Permits for Operation of Motor Vehicles to Inspection Stations." (S. P. 147) (L. D. 330)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Flares, etc. for Certain Trucks Having Short Term Permits." (S. P. 149) (L. D. 332)

Which Bills were passed to be enacted.

Resolve, to Provide Retirement Credit for Kenneth W. Hodgdon of Augusta. (S. P. 146) (L. D. 329)

(On motion by Mr. Davis of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

Emergency

Bill, "An Act Increasing Inspection Fee for Sardines." (H. P. 108) (L. D. 148)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 29 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Emergency Measure

Bill, "An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter, a Gift of One Thousand Shares of the Capital Stock of the Proprietors of Portland Pier and Creating the

Baxter State Park Trust Fund.
(H. P. 1064)

Which bill being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 members of the Senate was passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, the Senate voted to take from the table the 7th tabled and unassigned item, (S. P. 123) (L. D. 273) Bill, "An Act Relating to Accounting by Maine Port Authority." tabled by that Senator on February 7 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment A; and on further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment A was indefinitely postponed, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 11th tabled and unassigned item, (H. P. 13) (L. D. 32) House Report, ought to pass, from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Relating to Certain Standards for Nursing Homes." tabled by that Senator on February 9 pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, the bill was retabled.

Mr. Porteous of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. PORTEOUS: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I was asked to serve as Chairman of this Governor's Prayer Breakfast by the President of the Senate. I think perhaps he should have been Chairman. However, I would like to say a few more words about it.

The Governor is very pleased that this Prayer Breakfast is being put on next Wednesday morning.

The early hour may not attract some of the men who drive over, but we hope as many as possible who live within driving distance will be there. All of us who stay overnight, I am sure, will be able

to get into the Augusta House at 7:30 or thereabouts.

We are having quite an impressive program and it will be strictly a lay program. On the committee with me are Senator Christie of Aroostook and Senator Erwin of York. They have tickets, and you may also obtain tickets from the President's secretary or Maurice Knowles, our Doorkeeper. We have members of the House selling tickets over there as well as in the Governor's Council, and they are also being sold over at the State office building.

All people from every walk of life, not necessarily legislators, but everybody is invited to participate. I think we will have a very interesting and solemn program. The Governor will be presented with a Bible. It will be completely non-sectarian and members of all faiths are invited. We would certainly appreciate a good attendance from this body and all the people connected with it.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Porteous.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous, the Senator from York, Senator Erwin, and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Christie, for the fine way in which they have endeavored to make this a fine and enjoyable fellowship breakfast. This is the Governor's breakfast and he is most interested in it. I hope we will have a wonderful attendance.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table (H. P. 13) (L. D. 32) House Report, "Ought to pass" from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Relating to Certain Standards for Nursing Homes." which was tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Lord.

On motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, it was voted that the "Ought to pass" report of the committee be accepted. The bill was thereupon given its first reading.

Mrs. Lord presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

Senate Amendment A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President, I am quite concerned over this bill and I would move that it lie on the table to give me an opportunity to study it.

The motion prevailed and the

bill was tabled pending motion by Mrs. Lord for adoption of Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin,

Adjourned until 10:00 A.M. next Tuesday.