

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

***One Hundred and Ninth
Legislature***

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Volume I

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

January 3, 1979 to May 4, 1979

STATE OF MAINE
One Hundred and Ninth Legislature
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE
January 9, 1979

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Senator Bennett Katz of Augusta.
Mr. KATZ: As the sun rose in the east this morning, and illuminated a variable fairyland of ice crystals, we realized how beautiful nature and God's work can be. May the beauty of God and His work inspire us to do good, for the people of this State this morning. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Communications
STATE OF MAINE
Department of the Attorney General
January 3, 1979

To the Honorable Senate and
House of Representatives
of the 109th Legislature:

Enclosed please find two bonds for Jerrold B. Speers as required by Article V, Part 4, Section 2 of the Maine Constitution, in anticipation of his election as Treasurer of the State of Maine. These bonds have been examined by us and are in the requisite amount of \$500,000.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Attorney General
(S. P. 37)

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on file.
Accompanying papers placed on file with
State Auditor.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

STATE OF MAINE
House of Representatives
January 4, 1979

The Honorable May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
109th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Madam Ross:

The Speaker of the House appointed the following members on the part of the House to the Joint Select Committee to consider the Governor's message:

Messrs. CARTER of Winslow
TUTTLE of Sanford
MICHAEL of Auburn
BERRY of Buxton
SHERBURNE of Dexter
STETSON of Wiscasset
ROOPE of Presque Isle

Sincerely,
EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk of the House

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on file.

STATE OF MAINE
House of Representatives
January 4, 1979

The Honorable May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
109th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Madam Secretary:

The Speaker of the House appointed the following members on the part of the House to the Committee to wait upon the Honorable JOSEPH E. BRENNAN and inform him he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1982:

Mr. DUTREMBLE of Biddeford
Mrs. MARTIN of Brunswick
Mr. MAHANY of Easton
Mrs. NELSON of Portland
Mrs. MASTERTON

of Cape Elizabeth

Messrs: FILLMORE of Freeport
GRAY of Rockland

Sincerely,

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk of the House

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on file.

STATE OF MAINE
Office of the Governor

January 5, 1979

To the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Ninth Legislature of the State of Maine:

SUBJECT: Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax

The following list of Municipal Cost Components is submitted in accordance with 36 MRSA, Section 1604.

Public Safety	\$ 150,000
Forest Fire Protection	1,500,000
Land Use Regulation Commission	300,000
Secretary of State	1,000
Property Tax Assessment	250,000
County Reimbursement for Services	1,085,000
Education	2,347,000
Human Services—General Assistance	191,000

Total \$5,824,000

The Municipal Cost Components for 1979, computed for services and reimbursements to be rendered in FY 1980, was provided me by the Bureau of the Budget, Department of Finance and Administration, based on data it received from State agencies.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on file.

STATE OF MAINE
Senate Chamber
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 9, 1979

In compliance with the Senate Order of January 3, 1979, the Committee appointed by the President to examine the returns of votes for Senators for the political years of 1979 and 1980, has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the returns of votes cast, as submitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate, meets with the approval of the Committee.

BENNETT D. KATZ, Chairman
Senatorial Vote Committee

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on file.

Senate Papers

Senator Lovell of York presented,
Bill, An Act Relating to School Buses Used by Nonprofit Organizations for the Purpose of Transporting Children to Organized Activities. (S. P. 31)

Senator Hichens of York presented,
Bill, An Act Require that Trees Cut Along Highways or Public Ways be Cut at Ground Level or that the Stumps be Removed. (S. P. 32)

The same Senator presented,
Bill, An Act to Permit Hotel or Motel Managers to Eject Disruptive or Destructive Persons from their Premises and to Require these Persons to Assume Responsibility for any Damages Caused. (S. P. 33)

The same Senator presented,
Bill, An Act to Enable Voters who Cannot Read or Mark Their Ballots or Whose Religious Beliefs Prevent Them From Marking Their Ballots to Obtain Assistance in Marking Their Ballots From Individuals of Their Choice. (S. P. 36)

Senator Perkins of Hancock presented,
Bill, An Act to Improve Public Access to Public Labor Negotiations. (S. P. 34)

The same Senator presented,
RESOLVE, to Reimburse the Town of Eastbrook in the Amount of \$25,644.35 for Losses Caused by Excessive State Valuation. (S. P. 35)

On motion by Senator Katz of Kennebec tabled pending reference.

Orders

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment rec-

ognizing that:

Elvira Engstrom, New Sweden's town clerk, treasurer and tax collector, has served the town of New Sweden with great dedication for over 30 years. (S. P. 30) is presented by Senator McBreairty from Aroostook, Co-sponsored by: Messrs: PETERSON from Caribou
MATTHEWS from Caribou
NELSON from New Sweden.

Which was Read and Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator Katz of Kennebec, ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature, as amended, be the Joint Rules of this Legislature, with the exception of the following:

The first 2 paragraphs of Joint Rule 13 are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

13. Joint Standing Committees. There shall be no more than 19 Joint Standing Committees which shall be appointed as follows at the commencement of the first regular session, viz:

On Aging, Retirement and Veterans
On Agriculture
On Appropriations and Financial Affairs
On Audit and Program Review
On Business Legislation
On Education
On Election Laws
On Energy and Natural Resources
On Fisheries and Wildlife
On Health and Institutional Services
On Judiciary
On Labor
On Legal Affairs
On Local and County Government
On Marine Resources
On Public Utilities
On State Government
On Taxation
On Transportation

Membership. Each of these committees shall consist of no more than three on the part of the Senate and no more than ten on the part of the House. The first named Senate member shall be the Senate chairman. The first named House member shall be the House chairman. The Senate chairman shall preside and in his absence, the House chairman shall preside and, thereafter, as the need may arise, the chairmanship shall alternate between the members from each House in the order of their appointment to the committee. These committees may report by bill or otherwise.

Further amend the Joint Rules by repealing Joint Rule 20 and inserting in its place the following:

20. Ought not to pass reports. Any bill or resolve, which bears an ought not to pass notation signed either by all or by all but one of the members of the committee to which it has been referred, shall, upon notification of that action to both Houses, be placed in the legislative files. No further action shall be taken following that disposition unless that bill or resolve is recalled for reconsideration by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Director of Legislative Research is authorized to provide a nonsubstantive recodification of the Joint Rules for official use and publication.

Bennett Katz

(S. P. 38)

Which was Read and Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator Katz of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the record.

On Motion of Senator Pierce of Kennebec Adjourned, until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.