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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1901.

HOUSE.

Ordered, that the Senate hold one session a day, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, until otherwise ordered.

The following communications were received from the secretary of State:

To the President of the Senate:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the official returns of the votes cast for senators at the September election, on the 10th day of September, last, in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State.

Very respectfully,

BYRON BOYD,

Secretary of State.

The foregoing, with the senatorial votes, were referred by the President to the committee on senatorial votes.

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

I have the honor to transmit herewith the official returns and votes for Governor cast at the September election last in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State.

Very respectfully,

BYRON BOYD,

Secretary of State.

Which was read and with the votes for Governor referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote.

The President subsequently announced the members of the committee on gubernatorial vote joined by the House.

On motion by Mr. Macfarlane of Piscataquis, the Senate adjourned.

In Convention of Members-Elect of the House of Representatives.

Augusta, Jan. 2, 1901.

This being the day designated by the constitution of the State for the meeting of the Seventieth Legislature, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in their hall at 10 o'clock A. M., and were called to order by the clerk of the last House.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the Seventieth Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 141 members responding to their names.

On motion of Mr. Parkhurst, Messrs. Parkhurst of Bangor, Cook of Vassalboro, Brackett of Phillips, Brewster of Lisbon, Putnam of Houlton, Eaton of Calais and Kaler of Scarborough, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him of the presence of a quorum of the members-elect of the House of Representatives in Representatives' Hall, and request his attendance to administer to them the oath required by the constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Parkhurst reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and that his Excellency the Governor was pleased to say that with his Council he would forthwith attend upon the convention for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon the Governor, accompanied by his Council, came in and administered, and the members subscribed, the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Governor and his Council then withdrew.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Webb, Messrs. Webb of Portland, Foster of Oakland, Fellows of Bucksport, Irving of Caribou, Tufts of Kingfield, McDougall of Boothbay and White of Naples, were appointed a committee to receive, sort

and count votes for Speaker.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Webb from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	135
Necessary for a choice,	68
Joseph H. Manley had	117
Cyrus W. Davis had	18

and Hon. Joseph H. Manley was declared duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. Manley was conducted to the chair by Mr. Davis, who said:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, it affords me great pleasure to announce to you the choice of the Hon. Joseph H. Manley of Augusta as your Speaker. (Applause.)

On taking the chair as Speaker, Mr. Manley said:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: To be elected a member of the House of Representatives has ever been regarded an honorable distinction, sought for and prized by all men.

To be selected Speaker of the House, an office held by Maine's foremost men, should gratify the ambition of any man. It should inspire him to discharge the duties of this great office with absolute impartiality, with perfect fidelity to the highest ideals, with earnest endeavor to aid in every way the enactment of legislation for the uplifting of all the people of our State.

Guided by no partisan spirit, controlled only by the desire to fulfill every obligation resting upon us, we should all unite in a determination to obey the people's will, to practice the most rigid economy, to insist upon a revision of our systems of taxation so that every kind of property shall bear its just share of the public burden, (applause,) to stand for the strict enforcement of every law upon the statute book, (applause,) and to absolutely refuse to be influenced by any private or personal interest. (Applause.)

I accept the office you have tendered me with a grateful heart and with a full realization of its responsibilities. I know I can rely upon your indulgence and co-operation. My faith in the Divine power which shapes the destinies of men and of nations is firm that we shall so discharge our duties that when our term of office has ex-

pired, the people can truly say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The Chair waits the pleasure of the House. (Applause.)

On motion of Mr. Thornton, Messrs. Thornton of Ashland, Gardner of Patten, Putnam of Dixfield, Sutherland of Biddeford, Wilson of Brunswick and Daigle of Madawaska, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Thornton from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	133
Necessary for a choice,	67
W. S. Cotton had	115
Parker F. Fuller had	17
Scattering,	1

and W. S. Cotton was declared duly elected clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Harris, Messrs. Harris of Auburn, Cushman of Sherman, Cordevel of Westbrook, Gooding of Yarmouth, Gammon of Jay, Burrill of Ellsworth and Lawrence of Gardiner, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Harris from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	118
Necessary for a choice,	60
E. M. Thompson had	101
Percy E. Storer had	16

and E. M. Thompson was declared duly elected assistant clerk.

On motion of Mr. Spofford of Deer Isle that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Governor notifying him of the organization of the House by the election of a Speaker, clerk and assistant clerk.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Portland, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that body of the organization of the House by the election of a Speaker, clerk and assistant clerk.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Brewer, that gentleman was charged with the duty of conducting the clerk and assistant clerk to the Governor to receive the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Hutchins subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Virgin of Portland, informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. Hannibal E. Hamlin as President, Kendall M. Dunbar as secretary and Walter B. Clark as assistant secretary.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Rockland, Ordered, That George H. Fisher be messenger, W. J. Smith, first assistant, W. H. Holmes, second assistant messenger, Harry P. Hawes, mail-carrier, Isaac B. Clarey, assistant mail carrier, J. F. Frederick, first folder, Chapin Lydstone, second folder, Louis J. Brann, third folder, R. C. Noyes, first doorkeeper, Edward W. Delano, second doorkeeper, J. S. Estes and A. H. Whitman, official stenographers, and that the Speaker appoint the pages.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the official returns of votes cast for representatives to the Seventieth Legislature, which was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Portland, Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last House of Representatives be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Portland, Ordered, That the committee on business of the House be changed to committee on rules and business of the House and consist of three members to which the Speaker shall be added ex officio.

On motion of Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House furnish a catalogue containing the names of members alphabetically arranged, with the residences, postoffice address, boarding place, occupation, politics, number of seat, and a diagram of the House, and that the usual number of copies be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Augusta,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House be instructed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and

Gardiner to officiate at the opening services of the House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Beal of Bangor, Ordered, That the clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with one copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal and two other daily papers printed in the State such as each member or officer may select.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Rockland, Ordered, That the clerk of the House be authorized to procure the services of a typewriter during the present session of the Legislature.

(Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.)

On motion of Mr. Carleton of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the secretary of State be directed to deliver to the clerk of the House one copy of the Holy Bible, one copy of Webster's Quarto Dictionary, one copy of Worcester's Quarto Dictionary, one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of the Standard Dictionary, one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, and one copy of Cushing's Manual.

For the joint standing committee on gubernatorial vote the Speaker appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Little of Lewiston, Boyd of Linneus, Moulton of South Portland, Knowlton of Farmington, Scammon of Franklin, Thompson of China, Andrews of Rockport, McDougall of Boothbay, Hammond of Paris, Weatherbee of Lincoln, Mayo of Foxcroft, Minott of Phippsburg, Walker of Starks, Libby of Burnham, White of East Machias and Noyes of Berwick.

On motion of Mr. Harris of Auburn the communication from the secretary of State in relation to the official returns of votes cast for representatives to the Seventieth Legislature, was taken from the table, and on motion of the same gentleman it was then referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote.

The Speaker appointed as pages Walter S. Cushing of Skowhegan and Ernest L. McLain of Lewiston.

On motion of Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.