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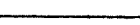
LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.



1901.

SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 3, 1901.

Senate called to order by the President. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. McKinnon of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved. Mr. Plummer of Hancock, reported that the committee to which were referred the votes cast for senators to this Legislature had attended to their duty, and reported that the following persons had received a plurality of the votes cast in their respective districts and are therefore elected senators, viz.:

FIRST DISTRICT, YORK—Oliver C. Titcomb, Acton; George E. Morrison, Saco; Freeman E. Rankin, Wells.

SECOND DISTRICT, CUMBERLAND—Winburn M. Staples, Bridgton; Harry R. Virgin, Portland; Thurston S. Burns, Westbrook; Joseph Y. Hodsdon, Yarmouth.

THIRD DISTRICT, OXFORD—Charles H. Prince, Buckfield; Joseph F. Stearns, Lovell.

FOURTH DISTRICT, ANDROSCOGGIN—Wallace H. White, Lewiston; Bert M. Fernald, South Portland.

FIFTH DISTRICT, FRANKLIN—Newell P. Noble, Phillips.

SIXTH DISTRICT, SAGadahoc—Frank C. Whitehouse, Topsham.

SEVENTH DISTRICT, KENNEBEC—Peleg O. Vickery, Augusta; Caleb C. Libby, Pittston; Rutillus Alden, Winthrop.

EIGHTH DISTRICT, SOMERSET—George G. Weeks, Fairfield; Edmund C. Bryant, Pittsfield.

NINTH DISTRICT, PISCATAQUIS—Victor W. MacFarlane, Greenville.

TENTH DISTRICT, PENOBSCOT—James Adams, Bangor; Stanley Plummer, Dexter; Nathaniel M. Jones, Lincoln.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT, LINCOLN—Orrin McFadden, Dresden.

TWELFTH DISTRICT, KNOX—L. M. Staples, Washington.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT, WALDO—Albert Pierce, Frankfort.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT, HANCOCK—Hannibal E. Hamlin, Ellsworth; Albert R. Buck, Orland.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT, WASHINGTON—George A. Murchie, Calais; E. K. Wilson, Cherryfield.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT, AROOSTOOK—John W. Dudley, Castle Hill Plantation; Albert A. Burleigh, Houlton.

And the report was accepted.

Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin, for the joint select committee to which was referred the returns of votes for Governor for the political years of 1901 and 1902, reported that the committee had examined the said returns and found that the whole number of votes returned for Governor is

John F. Hill,	73,543
Samuel L. Lord,	38,038
Grant Rogers,	3653
Norman W. Lermond,	634
Scattering,	2

(Signed) Bert M. Fernald,

Chairman on part of the Senate.

Jacob R. Little,

Chairman on part of the House.

The report was read and accepted and sent to the House.

Upon motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon Hon. John F. Hill and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor for the current political years 1901 and 1902.

The President appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Plummer of Penobscot, Burleigh of Aroostook, and Burns of Cumberland. The President announced later that the foregoing order presented by the senator from Penobscot had come back from the House concurred in on the part of the House and the committee formed on the part of the House.

Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, thereafter reported that the committee appointed to notify the Governor-elect that he had been elected had attended to that duty and that the Governor-elect was pleased to inform them that he accepted the office and would attend upon the joint session of the two Houses of the Legislature at such time as they might indicate for the purpose

of taking and subscribing to the oaths required by the constitution.

Upon motion by Mr. Virgin of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature forthwith in the hall of the House, for the purpose of administering to the Honorable John F. Hill the oath required by the constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his office duties.

And the secretary was thereupon appointed to bear the said message and subsequently reported that he had conveyed the same to the House.

A message was thereafter received from the House, conveyed by Mr. Cotton, its clerk, as follows:

"I am charged with a message from the House to inform this body of the concurrence of the House in the proposition to hold a convention forthwith for the purpose of administering to the Hon. John F. Hill, Governor-elect, the necessary oaths of office.

The Senate then proceeded to the Representatives' hall, where a convention was formed.

On the return of the Senate to their chamber, upon motion by Mr. Buck of Hancock, it was

Ordered, That 800 copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the Senate.

The secretary of the Senate then read the list of joint standing committees and also the Senate standing committees. (For the joint committees see House report.)

The Senate standing committees are as follows:

On Bills in Second Reading.

Messrs. Titcomb of York, Fernald of Androscoggin, Whitehouse of Sagadahoc, Vickery of Kennebec, Hodsdon of Cumberland, Rankin of York, Staples of Cumberland, Libby of Kennebec, Stearns of Oxford, Jones of Penobscot, Wilson of Washington, Prince of Oxford.

On Engrossed Bills.

Bryant of Somerset, Pierce of Waldo, Murchie of Washington, Morrison of York, McFadden of Lincoln, Plummer

of Penobscot, Buck of Hancock, Noble of Franklin, Dudley of Aroostook, MacFarlane of Piscataquis, Staples of Knox, Alden of Kennebec.

Upon motion by Mr. Virgin of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, That a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, consider the Governor's message and report the several subjects to appropriate committees.

And Messrs. Virgin of Cumberland, Weeks of Somerset and Vickery of Kennebec, were appointed such committee on the part of the Senate.

A paper from the House, Bill, An Act to Authorize the Board of Trade of Portland, to establish a committee on inspection of produce at the port of Portland, had its first reading.

Mr. Virgin of Cumberland: At this time I wish to move a suspension of the rules and to move that the bill have its second reading at the present time; and I will explain my reason for so doing. It seems that the Board of Trade or the Produce Exchange in New York City is to have a meeting next Tuesday, the day on which this Legislature will assemble; and on that day they propose to prepare a list of the ports in the United States at which there is a duly qualified inspector of produce and particularly of grain. That list will be sent broadcast to consignees across the water and to Western shippers of grain, and Portland, unfortunately, not being in the category of cities so equipped, will be cut from that list. For that reason the consignees of grain abroad will direct their shippers to ship to New York, Baltimore or other ports that are so equipped. From the port of Portland last season there were shipped eleven million bushels of grain across the water. This act by the New York Chamber of Commerce will affect 50 per cent of the shipments from Portland, if not more. Now this bill has been prepared, and we ask for a suspension of the rules and passage of it, today, so that at this meeting in New York next Tuesday, the representatives of that meeting from the city of Portland can inform the Chamber of Commerce that Portland is properly equipped with in-

spectors of produce who are authorized to issue a certificate in proper form.

If the matter does not go forward now it will be too late. Notice will be sent broadcast and Portland will be discriminated against, and for that reason I move that the rules be suspended and the bill have a second reading."

Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin:

I would like to ask if this bill carries appropriation with it?

Mr. Virgin: There is no appropriation. It simply authorizes a charter by the Portland Board of Trade by which they will appoint a committee of inspectors of grain and swear them to perform their duties. There is no appropriation whatever.

Mr. McFadden of Lincoln: The Portland Board of Trade appoints the inspectors?

Mr. Virgin: They get their pay from the shippers and the government.

On the foregoing motion which was duly carried, the bill received its second reading, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Upon motion by Mr. Stearns of Oxford, it was

Ordered that, the House concurring the business of the last session of the Legislature referred to this, be taken from the files and referred to the appropriate committees.

Upon motion by Mr. Macfarlane of Piscataquis, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing that the two branches of the Legislature convene in the hall of the House for the purpose of electing a secretary of State, a State treasurer, attorney general, State assessor, State printer, State binder and seven Executive Councillors.

And the secretary of the Senate was charged with the delivery of said message. Subsequently he returned and reported that he had delivered the message.

The President read to the Senate the joint select committee on the part of the House, on the Governor's message.

A message was thereafter received from the House conveyed by Mr. Cotton, its clerk, as follows:

"I am charged with a message from the House to inform this body of the concurrence of the House in the proposition to hold a convention forthwith for the purpose of electing a secretary of State, State treasurer, attorney general, State assessor, State printer, State binder and seven Executive Councillors."

The Senate thereupon proceeded to the Representatives hall, where a convention was formed.

On the return of the Senate to their chamber, Mr. White of Androscoggin, submitted the following order that, the House concurring, when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 8th, at 10.30 A. M.

Mr. White said: "I have to say, in relation to the foregoing order that it is drawn in accordance with the one passed two years ago. There seems to be quite a difference of mind among the members of the Senate as to when is the proper time. I will merely say that, when I drew the order, I drew it as it was drawn two years ago. I understand that it is the feeling of the House that we make it 4 o'clock on Tuesday."

Mr. Plummer: "I move to amend by making it 4 o'clock P. M. We shall have whatever time there is to do the business for the day and accommodate members."

The motion to amend by striking out "10.30 o'clock A. M.," and inserting instead thereof "4 P. M.," prevailed and the order as amended was passed.

Upon motion by Mr. Buck of Hancock, it was

Ordered, that the secretary of the Senate be authorized to furnish postage stamps to each senator, and to the secretary, assistant secretary, messenger and postmaster, not to exceed \$10 each in amount, and to the pages \$5 each, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the departments of State and other public documents, such as they may desire to mail to citizens of the State.

Upon motion by Mr. Titcomb of York, it was

Ordered, that the sum of \$30 and mileage be paid to Charles L. Favour for services at the organization of the Senate.

Upon motion by Mr. Hodsdon of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the superintendent of public buildings be directed to prepare room 122, now used as a storeroom, for the use of newspaper reporters.

Upon motion by Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin, it was

Ordered, that the sum of \$30 and the usual mileage be paid to Silas O. Clason for services during the organization of this Legislature.

Paper from the House, bill, an act to authorize the Board of Trade of Portland to establish a committee on inspection of produce at the port of Portland, was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The order relating to adjournment passed by the Senate was returned from the House concurred in by that branch.

On motion by Mr. McFadden of Lincoln, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Jan. 3.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Mr. Kaler of Scarborough, announced the attendance of Mr. Clark, representative-elect from Gray, and was charged with the duty of conducting him before the Governor and Council to take the necessary oath of office.

Subsequently Mr. Kaler reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and thereupon Mr. Clark appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield, announced the attendance of Mr. Daigle, representative-elect from Madawaska, and was charged with the duty of conducting him before the Governor and Council to take the necessary oaths of office.

Subsequently Mr. Powers reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and thereupon Mr. Daigle appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Brewer, Ordered, That the sum of \$40 and usual mileage be allowed and paid Walter I. Neal for services rendered by him at this session as mail carrier.

On motion of Mr. Vogel of Castine, Ordered, That the sum of \$30 and usual mileage be allowed and paid John D. Buck for services rendered by him at this session as page.

Mr. Carleton of Winthrop, presented the remonstrance of Harvey D. Eaton of Waterville, against the claim of Cyrus W. Davis to a seat in the House of Representatives.

The remonstrance was laid on the table pending the appointment of committees.

On motion of Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That the secretary of State be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with postage stamps to the same amount furnished to the members and officers of the 69th Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Belfast,

Ordered, That the sum of \$40 and usual mileage be allowed and paid to Lawrence N. Simmonds for services rendered by him at this session as assistant mail carrier.