

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1909

The following communication was received from the secretary of State:

To the President of the Senate:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes given by the several cities, towns and plantations of this State on the 14th day of September last, for senators.

Very Resp'y.,

Your Ob'd't. Serv't.,

A. I. BROWN,  
Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Oxford the foregoing communication was referred to the committee on senatorial vote.

The following communication was also received:

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

I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of votes given by the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for Governor on the 14th of September last.

Very Resp'y.,

Your Ob'd't. Serv't.,

A. I. BROWN,  
Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Looney of Cumberland the foregoing communication was referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote.

On motion by Mr. Howes of Somerset, the Senate adjourned to meet on Thursday, January 7th, 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

## HOUSE.

In convention of members-elect of the House of Representatives.

Augusta, Jan. 6, 1909.

This being the day designated by the Constitution of the State for the meeting of the 74th 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 was offered by Rev. L. W. Coons of Augusta.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the 74th Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 141 members answering to their names.

On motion of Mr. Spear, Messrs. Spear of South Portland, Charles of Rome, Stetson of Hartland, Bradford of Livermore, Harmon of Stonington, Burse of Pittsfield and Hodgkins of Damariscotta, 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 the oath required by the Constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Spear 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-elect subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Governor and Council then withdrew.

### In House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, Messrs. Andrews of Augusta, Beal of Auburn, Ludgate of Sherman, Whitney of Gorham, Merrill of Bluehill, Pinkham of Lincoln and Spear of Warren were

appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker.

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

Whole number of votes,	120
Necessary for a choice,	61
George G. Weeks had	90
Job H. Montgomery had	30

and Hon. George G. Weeks was declared duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. Weeks was conducted to the chair by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: Gentlemen of the House: We have elected as our Speaker for this 74th Legislature Hon. George G. Weeks of Fairfield; and I have the honor and the great pleasure in presenting him to the House. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: For the honor which you have so graciously and so generously conferred upon me, I thank you. Feeling is deep and still, and the word that floats on the surface is as a tossing buoy that betrays where the anchor lies hidden. My only ambition is that by the exercise of kindness and courtesy, impartiality and fairness, I may in some degree at least justify and deserve your confidence.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, the Chair awaits your pleasure. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Perry, Messrs. Perry of Fort Fairfield, Lombard of Bridgton, Harris of Salem, Cummings of Manchester, Nelson of Hebron, Bogue of Machias and Smith of Biddeford were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House.

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

Whole number of votes,	119
Necessary for a choice,	60
E. M. Thompson had	101
John P. Hayes had	14
Scattering	4

and E. M. Thompson was declared duly elected clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Clark, Messrs. Clark of Hollis, Bigelow of Portland,

Bowley of Swan's Island, Kelley of Boothbay, Tibbetts of Orrington, Doble of Lagrange and Miller of Lincolnville were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

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

Whole number of votes,	98
Necessary for a choice,	50
W. R. Roix had	90
J. F. Connolly had	8

and W. R. Roix was declared duly elected assistant clerk.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. Eaton of Washington informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. L. B. Deasy as President, F. G. Farrington as secretary and S. C. W. Simpson as assistant secretary.

On motion of Mr. Grant of Freeport 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.

Mr. Grant subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery of Camden 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.

Mr. Montgomery subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

Mr. Davies of Yarmouth introduced the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered: That Patrick Hayes be messenger, W. J. Smith be first assistant messenger, Clyde B. Scribner be second assistant messenger, William C. Lippincott be postmaster, J. A. Chase be mail carrier, J. H. Dixon be first folder, Chapin Lydstone be second folder, L. E. Thornton be third folder, M. Kearney be first doorkeeper, O. W. Cole be second doorkeeper, and that the Speaker appoint the pages and document clerk.

The SPEAKER: The order will lie on the table until the clerk and assistant clerk have taken the necessary oaths to qualify them to enter upon their duties.

On motion of Mr. Joy of Eden 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. Joy subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth the order introduced by him was taken from the table.

Mr. Montgomery of Camden moved that the order be amended by the substitution of the following names; for first messenger: Lorenzo W. Daley; first assistant messenger, Charles H. Downing; second assistant messenger, Garfield DeLong; postmaster, John P. Coughlin; mail carrier, G. E. Grant; first folder, C. N. Batchelder; second folder, Joseph Bouchard; third folder, Edward Mullaney; first doorkeeper, Eugene Connors; second doorkeeper, Thomas D. Coughlin.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth a division was had on the adoption of the amendment and it was lost by a vote of 41 to 87.

The order then received a passage.

On motion of Mr. Bussell of Gardiner—

Ordered: That the clerk of the House be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as chaplains of the House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Caribou—

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. Snow of Brunswick—

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 diagram of the House, and that the usual num-

ber of copies be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Saco—

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 Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of the Standard Dictionary, one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer and one copy of Cushing's Manual.

On motion of Mr. Havey of Sullivan—

Ordered: That the clerk of the House be authorized to procure the services of a stenographer and typewriter during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Frost of Lewiston—

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 the members and officers of the 73d Legislature.

Mr. Andrews of Augusta presented the following order and moved its passage:

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 and officer may select.

Mr. PIKE of Eastport: Mr. Speaker, I don't think it should be made compulsory for the members of this House to read the Kennebec Journal or any other paper, and I think it should be left to the selection of the members to select their own papers. The order gives us a choice of two papers but we must read the Kennebec Journal. I certainly object to it, for one.

Mr. MONTGOMERY of Camden: Mr. Speaker, I move an amendment to the order by striking out the words "Daily Kennebec Journal" and the word "two" and substituting the word "three," so that the order as amended will read, "That the clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House three daily papers printed in the State such as each member and officer may select."

Mr. ANDREWS of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I introduced the order in the form in which it appears for the reason that the publishers of the Kennebec Journal take pains to print each morning a stenographic report of the proceedings of the House of the day before. Sometimes this work has been so extensive that it takes nearly the whole paper; and nearly every member of the House reads the Kennebec Journal in the morning; but if the gentleman wishes to offer the amendment I will accept it.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, the motion to adopt it was agreed to.

The order as amended then received a passage.

On motion of Mr. Spear of South Portland,

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint a special clerk who shall act as his personal messenger and shall take charge of the documents and desks of the members and keep them in order and who shall be at all times under and subject to the orders of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery of Camden,

Ordered, That J. S. Estes be the official stenographer of the House and A. H. Whitman be assistant stenographer for the present session.

The following order was received from the Senate:

Ordered, That the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years of 1909 and 1910 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join.

The Speaker joined on the part of the House Messrs. Coolidge of Lisbon, Stackpole of Bridgewater, Beyer of Portland, Harris of Salem, Harmon of Stonington, Fortler of Waterville, Harrington of South Thomaston, McLain of Bremen, Bisbee of Rumford, Weld of Old Town, Hamlin of Orneville, Farnham of Bath, Higgins of Starks, Drake of Frankfort, Harriman of Meddybemps and Hannaford of Newfield.

The Speaker appointed as pages Roy Morrison, James M. Benson and Richard Stewart.

The Speaker appointed as document clerk Thomas Williams.

As special clerk to the Speaker the Speaker appointed Fred H. Hoar.

The Speaker appointed the following monitors: 1st division, Bussell of Gardiner; 2d division, Trimble of Calais; 3d division, Kimball of Kingman; 4th division, Additon of Leeds; 5th division, Thurlough of Cutler; 6th division, Harriman of Meddybemps; 7th division, Lane of Paris; 8th division, Libby of Amity.

The following order was received from the Senate:

Ordered, The House concurring, that the joint rules and orders of 1907 and 1908 be adopted as the joint rules and orders of this Legislature with the following amendment: In Rule 1, after the words "on taxation," insert the words "on school for feeble-minded."

Mr. Rounds of Portland moved a further amendment by presenting the following order and moving its passage:

Ordered, That the joint rules pertaining to joint standing committees be and they are hereby amended by adding thereto the committee on electric light, power and gas companies.

The order received a passage and the amendment was adopted.

The Senate order as amended then received a passage.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the official returns of the votes for Governor given on the 14th day of September last in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State, which was referred to the committee on gubernatorial vote in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.