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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1911

HOUSE.

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

Augusta, Jan. 4, 1911.

This being the day designated by the Constitution of the State for the meeting of the 75th 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. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the representatives-elect of the 75th Legislature. A call of the roll by the clerk revealed the presence of a quorum, 134 members answering to their names.

On motion of Mr. Austin, Messrs. Austin of Phillips, Burkett of Union, Lambert of Orono, Emery of Sanford, Morse of Belfast, Kelley of Boothbay and Shea of Eden, 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. Austin 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. Williamson, Messrs. Williamson of Augusta, Hastings of Auburn, Waldron of Portland, Ross of Bangor, Davis of Guildford, Stinson of Woolwich and Porter of Pembroke, were appointed a committee to re-

ceive, sort and count votes for Speaker.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Williamson from the committee reported 139 votes cast. John A. Peters had 57 Frank A. Morey had 82. Frank A. Morey was declared Speaker of the House.

Mr. Morey was conducted to the chair by Mr. Peters amidst applause.

Mr. PETERS: Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: I have the honor of presenting to you the Hon. Frank A. Morey whom we have elected our Speaker. (Applause.)

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: I am very much pleased to accept the honor at your hands of becoming the Speaker of this House. We are about entering upon a session of the Legislature where it is expected that many important laws will be enacted that will be far reaching in their results; and this Legislature must represent the demand of the people of the State. We are but their servants, to crystalize into law their just requests of popular government. We are here also to face the financial problems that have arisen and to make such appropriations only as are necessary to the economical administration of the State's affairs, having regard to the efficiency of the public service, the people of the State having a right to demand at our hands economy in the expenditure of their money and the enactment of just laws and the repeal of obnoxious ones. They have a right to demand of us the prompt dispatch of the public business. We are here to discharge a great trust reposed in us by the State of Maine, for educational and charitable institutions must receive due consideration at our hands, for these matters are of the prime essentials of government. The prisons, jails and reformatory schools must likewise receive the attention they deserve. The development of the power of the rivers of the State to turn the wheels of industry must be encouraged, wise laws for the protection of the fishing industry should be enacted, the line of policy of the Legislature should be broad and liberal with but one end in view, and that the welfare of the State. Let the burden of taxation fall justly on all classes of property, allow neither prejudice on the one hand to place more than a fair tax-

ation on any property, nor on the other hand allow any property to escape its fair taxation through favoritism. The heavy hand of responsibility is upon us. This House cannot, if it would, avoid it. You will be charged, and justly, with all unwise and unjust legislation which you either enact into laws or allow to remain upon the statutes of the State. You should be credited, and will be, with wise legislation. Do not fear to assume responsibility, and let the welfare of the State be the sole guiding star.

Gentlemen, again I thank you for the honor conferred upon me. I shall endeavor to preside impartially over the deliberations of this body. Each member will have fair play on the floor of this House. I hope to be able to retain the friendship of those whose acquaintance I now enjoy and to become friends with those of you with whom I am now not acquainted. I ask your co-operation and your undivided support in the discharge of the arduous duties upon which I am now about to enter; and to the end that public business may now proceed, the Chair awaits the pleasure of the house. (Applause.)

On motion of Mr. Merrifield, Messrs. Merrifield of Rockland, Buzzell of Fryeburg, Pinkham of Lincoln, Trafton of Fort Fairfield, McCann of Poland, Clearwater of Hallowell and Sleeper of South Berwick were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for clerk of the House.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Merrifield from the committee reported 137 votes cast. C. C. Harvey had 86, E. M. Thompson had 51, and C. C. Harvey was declared duly elected clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, Messrs. Tucker of Wiscasset, Buzzell of Fryeburg, Sawyer of Dexter, Bowker of Bowdoinham, Macomber of Winthrop, Ames of Norridgewock and Merrill of Buxton were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for assistant clerk.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. Tucker from the committee reported 122 votes cast. W. W. Kelly had 80, W. R. Boix had 53. W. W. Kelly was declared assistant clerk.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Houlton, 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. Hersey subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. Irving of Arrostook informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. Nathan Clifford as President, William C. Hanson of Machiasport as secretary, and Harry H. Thurlough of Pittsfield as assistant secretary.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Jonesboro, 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. Allen subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth 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. Thompson of Prisque Isle announced the attendance of Mr. Pelletier, representative-elect from Van Buren, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Packard of Rockport announced the attendance of Mr. Otis, representative-elect from Rockland, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Bogue of East Machias announced the attendance of Mr. Heffron, representative-elect from Eastport, and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Skehan of Augusta introduced the following order:

Ordered, That William McGuire be messenger, Frank A. Leonard be assistant messenger, Paul A. Small be doorkeeper, J. L. McCurdy be post-

master, J. W. Anderson be first folder, Charles R. Gross be assistant folder, and P. H. Fitzgerald be mail carrier.

Mr. Pattangall of Waterville moved that the order be amended by adding to it the words, "and that the Speaker appoint two pages."

Mr. Trimble of Calais offered an amendment to the order by substituting the following: That Patrick Hayes be messenger, William Smith be first assistant messenger, Clyde B. Scribner be second assistant messenger, Thomas Williams be document clerk, M. Kearney be doorkeeper, O. W. Cole be second doorkeeper, William Lippincott be postmaster, James Chase be mail carrier, Joseph Dixon be first folder, Chapin Lydstone be second folder, and L. R. Thornton be third folder.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by the gentleman from Waterville (Mr. Pattangall), the amendment was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the amendment of the gentleman from Calais, the amendment was lost.

The order then received a passage as amended.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Portland,

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

On motion of Mr. Tucker of Wiscasset,

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 Pioneering Gazetteer, and one copy of Cushing's Manual.

On motion of Mr. Bogue of East Machias,

Ordered, that the clerk of the House be authorized to procure the services of a stenographer and typewriter during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Trawton of Fort Fairfield,

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

On motion of Mr. Trafton of Fort Fairfield,

Ordered, That the official stenographer of the House be authorized to procure typewriting services during the present session for the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record.

On motion of Mr. Clearwater of Hallowell,

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. Waldron 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.

The following order was received from the Senate:

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years of 1910 and 1911 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. Dufour of St. Agatha, Harmon of Stonington, Murphy of Portland, Williamson of Augusta, Bearce of Eddington, Eisbee of Rumford and Farnham of Bath.

A communication was received from the Senate coming from the secretary of State transmitting the official returns of votes for Governor given in on the 12th 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. Mitchell of Kittery

Ordered: That the clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with three daily papers printed in the State such as each member and officer may select.

The following communication was received from the secretary of State: To the Speaker of the House

I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes given by the several cities, towns and plantations on the 12th of September last for representatives.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. I. BROWN, Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Williamson of Augusta this communication was referred to the committee on elections.

The following order was received from the Senate:

Ordered: That the joint rules and orders of 1909 and 1910 be adopted as the joint rules and orders of this Legislature.

Mr. WILLIAMSON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if it is in order to amend the list of committees at the present time?

The SPEAKER: The chair thinks that the amendment should be made at the present time.

Mr. WILLIAMSON: I wish to make this suggestion. At the present time there is a committee for each State institution including the State School for Boys. There is no committee for the State Industrial School for Girls, and measures relating to that institution have in previous sessions been referred to various different committees. The friends of that institution would like to have the list of committees amend-

ed by striking out the committee on the State School for Boys and substituting a committee on the State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls. That will not make an additional committee but would give one committee jurisdiction over both juvenile institutions for the boys and the girls. I would like to make that amendment and offer it at this time.

The SPEAKER: From the order received from the Senate asking for concurrence on the part of the House, the gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Williamson) moves to strike out from the joint rules of the preceding Legislature the words "The State School for Boys" and substitute "The State School for Boys and the Industrial School for Girls." The question is on the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was adopted, and the order as amended then received a passage in concurrence.

The Speaker appointed the following monitors: Messrs. Peters of Ellsworth, Williamson of Augusta, Sawyer of Dexter and Ames of Norridgewock.

Mr. SCATES of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, when we adjourn I move that it be until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Auburn, the House then adjourned.