

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-Fifth Legislature

SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF MAINE

1912

HOUSE.

Thursday, March 21, 1912.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Mosher of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I wish at this time to offer a bill pertaining to our election laws and I will move that it lie upon the table for printing; I also wish to give notice to the House that when this bill comes back and at the proper time a resolution will be offered which will allow the House to consider this matter in committee of the whole. (The bill was received and tabled for printing.)

Mr. SCATES of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, I have a resolve that I would like to present at this time. It is a resolve amending Section 15 of Article 9, of the constitution, relating to bond issue for State roads, and I move that the resolve lie upon the table for printing. As I understand, in regard to most of these bills or all of them that will be presented at this session of the Legislature due notice will be given that the rules be suspended and that they be not referred to the standing committees, but be considered in committee of the whole. (The resolve was received and tabled for printing.)

Mr. Newbert of Augusta presented the following order: Ordered, the Senate concurring, that one thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The order was given a passage.

Mr. Miller of Hartland announced the attendance of Frank O. Thompson, representative-elect from the class towns of Pittsfield, Palmyra and Detroit, and was charged with the duty of conducting that gentleman 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.

Subsequently Mr. Miller reported that he had discharged the duty assigned to him.

From the Senate: Order regarding consideration of no resolution or resolve at the special session except such as may be necessary to carry out the recommendations contained in the Governor's message. (The order was given a passage in concurrence.)

From the Senate: Order regarding apportionment of State into congressional districts made necessary by U. S. census of 1910. (The order was given a passage in concurrence.)

The SPEAKER: I will place upon the committee on apportionment in the position formerly held by Mr. Wilson of Auburn, his successor, Mr. Penley of Auburn. I will also say at this time that upon each committee the newly elected members will take the places formerly held by their predecessors.

The order relative to printing 1000 copies of the Governor's message for the use of the Legislature which was passed in the House comes from the Senate not agreed to by that branch for the reason that an order had already been passed in that body for a number of copies of the Governor's message for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Newbert of Augusta, the order was withdrawn and that gentleman presented the following order:

Ordered: That one thousand copies of the governor's message be printed for the use of the House.

The order was given a passage.

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen of the House: It is proposed that we take a recess of half an hour and meet again at that time for the purpose of voting for United States Senator. I have conferred with members of the House and ascertain there is no objection to proceeding at that time. The House will take a recess of half an hour.

After Recess.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

"STATE OF MAINE.  
Executive Department.

Augusta, March 21, 1912.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I hereby notify you that a vacancy

occurred in the representation of this State in the Senate of the United States on the eighth day of August, 1911, by the death of Hon. William Pierce Frye, and that under the provisions of section three of article one of the Constitution of the United States this vacancy was temporarily filled on the twenty-third day of September, 1911, by the appointment of the Hon. Obadiah Gardner, and your attention is respectfully called to the duty of filling such vacancy.

FREDERICK W. PLAISTED,  
Governor."

From the Senate: Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Friday, March 22nd, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: A certain question has arisen as to procedure in the election of United States Senator that may require additional time for consideration and it is the suggestion of members of both parties that the matter lie upon the table to be taken up and further discussed at the session tomorrow. It seems there is a provision in the Federal statutes which prevents immediate action upon the matter. Is there any further business to come before the House?

Mr. DAVIES of Yarmouth: Mr. Speaker, I ask the unanimous consent of the House that I may present a resolution upon the death of Ex-Governor Robie.

Whereas, The inhabitants of the State of Maine have been called upon to mourn the loss of a beloved son in the death of Ex-Governor Frederick Robie who, bearing his four score years and more as an ornament rather than a burden to him, passed to the great beyond on February second last, and

Whereas, The finer edge of morality, the care for delicacy and dignity, the sweetness and graciousness of living always remained in his keeping, and

Whereas the distinguished services rendered to his country during the years of the Civil War are worthy of our recognition and extended grati-

tude, and that his loyal devotion and keen sense of duty to the interests of the State marked his administration of the State's affairs by exciting our admiration to a study of every detail of it, and his close and honored association with the industrial, educational and civic life of the State challenged general admiration and the greatest respect, therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the special session of the Seventy-Fifth Legislature express their profound sorrow for a loss overwhelming, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this House.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the adoption of the resolutions will so signify by rising.

The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. GOODWIN of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, I apprehend that the action taken by the House this morning in regard to the introduction of bills and resolutions was merely intended to prevent the introduction of matters that might lead to strenuous and acrimonious debate, and thus delay the proceedings of this body. I have here a resolution which I would like to have the unanimous consent of the House to introduce at this time, and I think it is not in that category to which exceptions will be taken by any member of the House.

The Clerk then read the following resolution:

Whereas, It is reported upon good authority that the only living Ex-President of the United States, the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, is shortly to honor Maine with his distinguished presence, and

Whereas Colonel Roosevelt has cast his hat into the Presidential ring, and is a strenuous candidate for a third Presidential term,

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that Colonel Roosevelt be cordially invited to extend his journey from Portland to Augusta and to address this Legislature upon the political issues of the day as viewed from the Rooseveltian standpoint. (Applause.)

The resolution was not adopted.

On motion by Mr. Penley of Auburn. Adjourned.