

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

**SENATE**

Friday, January 8, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Robert S. Pinkham of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

The hour having arrived to which the joint convention adjourned, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House.

(For proceedings in joint convention see House report.)

On return of the Senate to their Chamber

On motion by Mr. Weld of Penobscot Adjourned.

**HOUSE**

Friday, January 8, 1915.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hope of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

At this point the Senate came in and a joint convention was formed.

**In Convention.**

(The President of the Senate in the chair.)

Chairman HERSEY: The hour having arrived to which this convention was adjourned, the convention will now come to order. Without objection the secretary of the convention will call the roll of the convention.

The secretary of the convention thereupon called the roll of the convention, showing the following members to be present.

Albert, Sen. Allen, Kennebec; Allen, Machias; Sen. Ames, Washington; Ames, Stockton Springs; Averill, Ballard, Sen. Bartlett, Beal, Benn, Bernier, Besse, Blake, New Gloucester; Blake, Oakland; Bonney, Bourque, Sen. Boynton, Bradbury, Bragdon, Brann, Brawn, Brown, Auburn; Brown, New Sharon; Sen. Burleigh, Bussey, Sen. Butler, Campbell, Carson, Chadbourne, Chamberlin, Chaplin, Sen. Chatto, Sen. Clark, Clement, Clifford, Cobb, Coffin, Sen. Colby, Colcord, Sen. Cole, Sen. Conant, Connellan, Connors, Corliss, Currier, Daigle, Danforth, Davis, Desco-teaux, Dilling, Douglass, Drapeau, Drummond, Sen. Dunton, Durgain, Sen. Durgin, Dutton, Edwards, Ellis, Sen. Emery, Erskine Evans, Fay, Sen. Flaherty, Ford, Fossett, Sen. Fulton, Gallagher, Sen. Garcelon, Gerrish, Gilmour, Goldthwait, Gooding, Goodwin, Gould, Grant, Greateon, Greeley, Greenlaw, Greenleaf, Hanson, Saco; Hanson, Sanford; Haraden, Harper, Hart, Haskell, Sen. Hastings, Sen. Herrick, Sen. Hersey, Higgins, Hill, Hobbs, Hodgkins, Holt, Gouldsboro; Holt, Skowhegan; Jameson, Sen. Jillson, Jordan, Lawrence, Leader, Sen. Leary, Lewis, Libby, Littlefield, Lombard, Lord, Mansir, Maxwell, McCarty, McCarrison, McCurdy, McIntire, McKinley, McNally, Meader, Millett, Mitchell, Morrison, Morse, Sen. Moulton, Mulligan, Mullin, Sen. Murphy, Neilon, Newell, Nicholas, Noyes, O'Connell, Peabbles, Sen. Peacock, Perham, Perkins, Peterson, Picher, Pierce, Farmington; Pierce, Houlton; Plummer, Pollard, Sen. Price, Ranney, Ricker, Roberts, Robinson, Russell, Alfred; Russell, Lewiston; Ryder, St. Clair, Calais; St. Clair, Rockland; Sanborn, Sen. Scammon, Small,

Smith, Snow, Sen. Swift, Tabbutt, Tate, Thibodeau, Ft. Kent; Thibodeau, Van Buren; Thombs, Sen. Thurston, Tobey, Towle, Trafton, Turner, Tuttle, Varney, Sen. Walker, Ward, Wasgatt, Washburn, Waterhouse, Watts, Webb, Welch, Sen. Weid, Wescott, Wheeler, Wilkins, Wilson, Wise, Woodman, Wyman.  
Present, 182.  
Absent, 0.

Chairman HERSEY: The Chair understands that all the members of the joint convention are present. Those having charge of the floor of the House will see that the chains at the rear of the hall are in place and that no one is allowed upon the floor except those who are entitled to be there. The business before the convention at the time of adjournment was the election of Secretary of State. The committee appointed for the purpose of receiving, sorting and counting votes will attend to the distribution of the ballots. The Chair announces the same pair as previously, between the President of the Senate and Speaker Trafton of the House. The ballot will be taken in the same manner as yesterday, the secretary of the convention calling the roll, and as each member's name is called he will step forward and deposit his ballot.

Ninth ballot: Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Hastings from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	180
Necessary for a choice	91
John E. Bunker had	90
Joseph E. Alexander had	86
Roland E. Clark had	4
The report was accepted.	

Chairman HERSEY: The Chair declares that there is no election. The convention will proceed to another ballot.

Tenth ballot: Having attended to the duty assigned it, Senator Hastings from the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	180
Necessary for a choice	91
John E. Bunker had	90
Joseph E. Alexander had	86
Roland E. Clark had	4
The report was accepted.	

Chairman HERSEY: The Chair declares that there is no election.

Senator COLE of York: Mr. Chairman, I move that this convention do now adjourn until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Senator BOYNTON of Lincoln: I second the motion.

Chairman HERSEY: Before the Chair puts that motion, it is due to the joint convention that the Chair should give some explanation. It was understood this morning at a meeting between the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and the leaders, as we say, of the Republican and Democratic parties in the legislature, that in case there should be a deadlock after the second ballot, that there should be no opposition to such an adjournment. It was further understood—and this is all a matter for this Convention to settle, and the two branches of the legislature—that under the Constitution of the State, this joint convention could not adjourn only from day to day, and that it must be adjourned from day to day until the election of the several state officials has been consummated.

Therefore, this vote would be to adjourn this Convention until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, at which time it is understood that there would not be a quorum present but only a sufficient number to adjourn until the next meeting day of the Convention, which would be on Monday at ten o'clock in the morning; and from that time on Monday, there being no quorum, adjournment would be taken until Tuesday at ten o'clock, at which time we are all expected to be present here and to vote again in joint convention. An adjournment would take place also in both branches of the legislature as soon as this convention has adjourned, and the two branches will meet at ten o'clock tomorrow and Monday and then adjourn and stand adjourned under our rules until ten o'clock each day, which would be on Monday and Tuesday at ten o'clock in the morning at which time we expect a quorum to be present. The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate will be here and there will be a sufficient number

present to adjourn, as it does not require a quorum to adjourn.

Do the members of the joint Convention understand the matter? We should further understand that no hearings will be held and no business will be transacted, simply the matters of adjournment; the committee on elections will make no report and no hearing on any contested election will take place. This is all done for the purpose of being fair to each side here and in order that the members of the two branches may have an opportunity to go to their homes and make whatever arrangements are necessary and come back here so as to be in session as we are today, with a full membership here if possible, on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Until that time every right will be protected. Now gentlemen of the Convention, with that understand-

ing there has been a motion made by the Senator from York (Mr. Cole) to adjourn this joint convention until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. If that motion is carried the members of the House will remain in their places and will adjourn in the usual order, while the members of the Senate will retire to the Senate Chamber in the usual order. If the members of the joint convention understand the situation, you will vote in favor of the motion; if not, you will vote it down.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate thereupon retired to the Senate Chamber.

#### **In the House**

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Farmington,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.