

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SENATE

Thursday, January 13, 1921.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Paul S. Phalen of Augusta.

Mr. SPRAGUE of Piscataquis: Mr. President, I have a resolve that I desire to present, and I move you that the rules be suspended that it may be acted upon at this time.

The PRESIDENT: The senator from Piscataquis, Senator Sprague, presents the following resolve, Resolve providing for the maintenance of the Blaine House as the official residence of the Governor, and moves that the rules be suspended and the resolve given its two several readings at this time, without reference to a committee, and be passed to be engrossed.

The secretary will read the resolve.

### STATE OF MAINE

In the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-one.

Resolve, Providing for the maintenance of the Blaine House as the Official Residence of the Governor.

WHEREAS: The State of Maine has accepted in trust the deed from Harriett Blaine Beale of the home of her father, Honorable James G. Blaine, and has pledged its honor faithfully to fulfill the trust set forth in said deed, and in the letter accompanying it, AND WHEREAS, there is no definite and fixed appropriation fund available for the care and maintenance of the same as the official residence of the Governor of the State while in office, AND WHEREAS, proper and adequate provision should be immediately made for such maintenance in order that the Governor may take up his official residence in the Blaine House as provided and expected, AND WHEREAS, the facts above stated constitute an emergency and the passage of this resolve is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated for the maintenance of the Blaine House, as the official residence of the Governor, for the several fiscal periods ending June 30, 1923, the following sums:

For the period ending June 30, 1921 the sum of seven thousand, five hundred dollars,

For each of the periods ending June 30, 1922 and June 30, 1923 the sums of twelve thousand, five hundred dollars, respectively. Any part of said sums not expended during the period for which appropriated shall, at its close, be added to the sum appropriated for the succeeding period.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Legislature of 1919 authorized and instructed the Governor and Council to make such alterations, improvements, and repairs as to them appeared needed to render the Blaine House suitable for occupancy as an executive mansion, in accordance with the purpose and intent of the gift of Mrs. Harriett Blaine Beale to the State of Maine. There is at present no provision of law whereby the maintenance of the Blaine House can be assured, except at the expense of the Governor, and the object of this resolve is to provide the funds necessary for that purpose, the State having pledged its faith to accept the trust and to preserve the gift according to the terms of the deed of trust.

The motion was agreed to, the rules were suspended, the resolve was given its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Journal of the previous session read and approve.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Kennebec, under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be to meet Tuesday afternoon, January 18, at half past 4 o'clock.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following bills were presented and on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

#### Interior Waters

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: Act to provide for a commission to be known as the People's Rights and Water Power Commission of the State of Maine. (The "Tracy Bill." 1000 ordered printed.)

#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section One and Section Three of Chapter One Hundred Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to duties payable by public officers.

#### State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Eaton of Oxford: An Act to provide for the disposition of moneys received from the White Mountain Forest Reserve under Act of Congress of May 23, 1908.

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Eaton of Oxford: An Act to enable the towns of Dixfield and Peru in the county of Oxford to free the Dixfield and Perry Toll Bridge to public travel.

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Thompson of Knox, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of State be authorized and directed to furnish the Maine State Year Book to each member and officer of the Senate.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Sargent of the joint committee appointed to make a contract with the New England Telephone and

Telegraph Company for telephone service for the members of the 80th Legislature, reported that they had had the same under consideration and asked leave to report the accompanying order.

The report was accepted.

The secretary read the order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member of the Senate and House to the number of fifty calls of reasonable duration from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member of the Senate and House be provided with a card to be certified to by the Secretary of State or his deputy; the cost of this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates.

The order was passed and together with the report of the committee was sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Tuttle of Aroostook a short recess was taken while awaiting papers from the House.

#### After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

The PRESIDENT: The order in relation to adjournment has come back from the House concurred in by that body, and when we adjourn it will be to meet Tuesday afternoon, January 18, at 4.30 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot,

Adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, January 18, at 4.30 o'clock.