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SENATE

Monday, Jan. 31, 1921.

Senate called to order by the secretary at 5.18 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. B. H. Atkins of Gardiner.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

State of Maine

Augusta, Jan. 31, 1921.

To the Senate of the Eightieth Legislature of the State of Maine.

It is with a feeling of profound sorrow that I make known to you the death of Governor Frederic H. Parkhurst, which took place at the Governor's residence in Augusta, at 9.12 today, and to acquaint you with the fact that by the provisions of the constitution of this State, Honorable Percival P. Baxter, by virtue of his office as President of the Senate, has become Governor of the State of Maine, and Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy of the State and of the militia.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,
Secretary of State.

The communication was read by the secretary.

The SECRETARY: In the absence of the President of the Senate the first duty of the Senate is to elect a president pro tempore.

Mr. GILLEN of Penobscot: Mr. Secretary and Honorable members of the Senate: It is my pleasure to place in nomination for the position of President pro tempore one of your distinguished members, Senator Frank G. Farrington.

Mr. GURNEY of Cumberland: Mr. Secretary, it is my pleasure to second that nomination.

The SECRETARY: The name of the Hon. Frank G. Farrington has been placed in nomination. Are there any other nominations? If not what is the wish of the Senate?

Mr. GURNEY: Mr. Secretary, I move that the assistant secretary cast the ballot of the Senate for Senator Farrington as President pro tempore.

The motion was adopted and the assistant secretary cast the ballot of the Senate for Senator Farrington as President pro tempore.

Mr. Gillen of Penobscot escorted Senator Farrington to the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair awaits the pleasure of the Senate.

The President pro tem read the following communication:

STATE OF MAINE
Executive Department.

January 31, 1921.

To the People of the State of Maine and to the Senators and Representatives of the Eightieth Legislature now in session.

It has become my sad duty to announce to you that Governor Frederic Hale Parkhurst died at his official residence in Augusta, at twelve minutes after nine o'clock this morning, January thirty-first, nineteen hundred twenty-one.

Stricken in the prime of life as he stood upon the threshold of an honorable career as Chief Executive, his death brings deep sorrow to our State. Our sympathy goes out to the members of his family in this hour of their grief.

The body of the late Governor will lie in State in the rotunda of the Capitol on Wednesday, February second next and business will be suspended in the State House on that day as well as on the day of the funeral.

I suggest that a committee of the Senate and House be appointed to confer with me about the arrangements to be made by the State for the funeral ceremonies.

In accordance with the provisions of the constitution and the laws of Maine, I have assumed the duties of Chief Executive and hereby request that all public offices within the State be closed upon the day of the funeral Thursday, February third, and I have ordered all flags upon the buildings of the State to be placed and to remain at half mast for a period of sixty days as a mark of respect to our late Governor.

(Signed) PERCIVAL P. BAXTER,
Governor.

Placed on file and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GURNEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that a message be sent to the Executive Department informing the Governor of the choice of Senator Frank G. Farrington of Kennebec as President of the Senate pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to and the Chair appointed Senator Gurney to convey the message.

Subsequently the senator reported that he had discharged the duty with which he was charged.

On motion by Mr. Gillen of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that a committee of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed by the Chair to confer with the Executive for the purpose of arranging for the funeral of the late Governor. The President of the Senate pro tempore and the Speaker of the House to act upon such committee ex-officio.

The Chair appointed upon such committee on the part of the Senate, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gillen and the Senator from York, Senator Allen.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAXTER of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I move that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body of the election of Frank G. Farrington, President pro tempore of the Senate.

The secretary conveyed the message, and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

(A short recess was taken at this time).

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore: The Senate will come to order.

The House has joined on the committee to confer with the Executive

for the purpose of arranging for the funeral of the late Governor, Mr. Viles of Augusta, Mr. Small of Brewer and Mr. Wing of Auburn.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, that the secretary of the Senate publish notices to the effect that all committee hearings scheduled for the current week are continued to the week, day and hour of the week of February 7th, 1921.

Mr. THOMES of Penobscot: Mr. President and Senators: This is not the hour nor the place in which to offer any eulogy for him whom we mourn this afternoon. That fearful calamity that we had hoped and prayed we might escape has fallen upon us.

I know, fellow Senators, that you will agree with me that so long as his body lies unburied you want to be free to use every moment of your time to pay to him that homage that we, as co-laborers, know full well he was entitled to, to give some measure of comfort, if possible, to his immediate family and friends.

And, Mr. President, with this feeling in my heart, I offer the following order and move its adoption.

The Chair read the order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be to meet on Monday, February 7th at half past four o'clock.

The order was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore: The order of adjournment having come back from the House concurred in, the senator from Penobscot, Senator Thombs, moves that the Senate do now adjourn until one week from today at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

The motion was agreed to and the Senate adjourned.