

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Eighty-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1923

KENNEBEC JOURNAL COMPANY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Wednesday, January 17, 1923.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. H. H. Brown of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Message from the Governor

"STATE OF MAINE
Office of the Governor
Augusta, January 16, 1923.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provision of our Statutes, I am handing you herewith the report of the budget committee of 1922. This report was brought to my office from the printer on Thursday morning last, January 11th, a few moments after the adjournment of the Senate and House. I appreciate the fact that this report should have been transmitted to you before it was made public. As is customary in such cases, for the convenience of the newspapers, I sent several advance copies to them marked 'Hold for release Tuesday P. M., January 16th, 1923.' I did this so that the newspapers might not be hurried and might have time to set up their type in advance. This is the only instance in my long experience when a report of this sort, given in advance to the newspapers, was published before the time specified.

I desire you to know the circumstances, so you may clearly understand that, as chairman of the budget committee, I did not violate the proprieties, which were that the report, being addressed to the Eighty-first Legislature, should not have been made public until after it had been formally presented to the Senate and House.

Respectfully submitted,
PERCIVAL P. BAXTER
Governor of Maine."

Referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in concurrence.

From the House: Report of the Cole committee.

In the House placed on file.

In the Senate on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the report was received and 3000 copies ordered printed pending the report being placed on file in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Emery of Washington, the motion of the senator from Cumberland was amended and 1000 copies ordered bound in permanent form.

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

Judiciary

By Mr. Stevens of York: An Act to unite the trustees of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the trustees of the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By Mr. Smith of Somerset: An Act to prevent crime by persons masked or disguised. (500 copies ordered printed.)

LABOR

By Mr. Smith of Somerset: An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to preference to Maine workmen and contractors.

Mr. Adams of Kennebec: Mr. President, I am informed that the Honorable Leroy R. Folsom, Councilor-elect, is present. I move that a message be sent to the House proposing a joint convention for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required by the Constitution.

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

Message from the House

A message was received from the House conveyed by the clerk announcing that the House concurred in the proposition of the Senate to hold a joint convention for the purpose of administering to the Honorable Leroy R. Folsom, Councilor-elect, the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his duties.

The Senate thereupon proceeded to the hall of the House for the purpose of holding a joint convention.

(For proceedings of the joint convention see House Report.)

Upon the return of the Senate to

its chamber it was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Clark of Lincoln. Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.