

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Wednesday, January 14, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Fr. Jos. O. Casavant of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Committee Report**

Communication from the Committee on Budget.

Transmitting their Report.

The report was read and accepted and ordered placed on file.

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

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An Act to appropriate moneys for the necessary expenses of State Government. (S. P. 36)

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I think that an explanation of the introduction of the Appropriation Act at this time might be in order.

In order to assist in the reduction in the number and duplication of Bills and Resolves there is presented at this time an Appropriation Act covering the so-called Housekeeping expenses of State Government, which includes the requests of the several State Departments and Institutions. This act is requested to be referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. There are several reasons for this procedure: First, the early introduction of these requests to the legislature; Second, the elimination of the introduction of separate resolves for each Department and Institution, thereby reducing the number of documents to be handled; Third, by this method it is hoped to report out from committee a final appropriation act in time for proper legislative study and consideration rather than in the last hours of the session.

This is a new departure, which is worthy of your consideration. Hearings will be held on this act, including each separate department, institution and special act or

resolve, and earlier opportunity will be provided for everyone interested to be heard. The amounts carried in this act correspond to the recommendations of the Budget Committee, which is on your desks, and it therefore does not need to be printed at this time as a document. It is hoped by this method, not only in the better presentation but by the structure of the act itself, to save one-half of the usual expense of printing. I trust that this may receive a passage.

Five hundred copies were ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Education**

Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin: An Act designating New Year's Day as a School Holiday. (S. P. 20)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Wheeler of Oxford: An Act forbidding sirens on motor vehicles, with certain exceptions. (S. P. 26)  
(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: An Act to amend Section 118, Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, relative to court jurisdiction of violations; transmission of fines. (S. P. 27)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An Act to provide uniform jurisdiction for Municipal Courts. (S. P. 28)

Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc: An Act additional to chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes relating to liability of municipalities for negligent operation of municipally owned vehicles. (S. P. 29)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An Act to Provide for the examination, registration, regulation and licensing of chiropodists and podiatrists and penalties for violation of this act. (S. P. 31)

Mr. Bissett of Cumberland: An Act to amend section 15 of chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1930 relating to marking ballots. (S. P. 32)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An Act to give municipal courts jurisdiction of certain offenses. (S. P. 33)

(Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: Re-

solve in favor of the Kennebec Library Association. (S. P. 30)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: An Act to amend chapter 101 of the Special and Private Laws of 1919. (S. P. 34)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Mr. Story of Aroostook: An Act relating to registration of motor vehicles. (S. P. 35)

(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Holman of Franklin, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that three hundred and fifty (350) copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1931 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library use; and be it further

Ordered, that three hundred and fifty (350) copies of the Legislative record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to members of the Legislature and the departments, under the direction of the document clerk, and be it further

Ordered, that a suitable index be prepared for such Legislative record under the direction of the State Librarian, at an expense not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Printing deliver to the State Library, as soon after printing as possible, twenty-five copies of the bills, legislative proceedings and all other publications printed by order of the Senate and House for exchange with other libraries and institutions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that all committees are hereby directed to report to the Committee on Appropriations and

Financial Affairs, all appropriations of money recommended by them and any acts or resolves recommended by them which amend existing statutes or resolves requiring an appropriation of money.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is hereby directed to make record of said reports, and forthwith submit the same to the Legislature without changes therein. No act or resolve involving an appropriation of money shall be engrossed without having endorsed thereon, in addition to the usual endorsements of the officers of the Senate and House, the following, viz;

“Examined and recorded by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

ARTHUR G. SPEAR,

Chairman.”

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Secretary of State be directed to furnish for the use of the several legislative committees the same kind and class of binders as heretofore used.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action of January 13th whereby it referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Skowhegan Water District (S. P. 1); and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table an order relative to certain supplies for the use of the Senate, tabled by that Senator on January 7th, pending passage; and on further motion by the same Senator the order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table a joint order from the House with reference to a committee on legislative expenses tabled by that Senator on January 8th pending indefinite postponement in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator

the order was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table a Senate order with reference to acts and resolves of the Eighty-fourth Legislature, tabled by that Senator on January 8th pending passage.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of York: Mr. President, since that order was tabled the Revised Statutes have been furnished to each member of the Legislature. I do not know what Senator Farnsworth may have in mind in regard to this order and I therefore do not feel like asking to have that indefinitely postponed while he is absent.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from York, Senator Littlefield, as a matter of courtesy to the absent Senator (Senator from Aroostook, Senator Farnsworth) moves that the order be retabled. Is this the pleasure of the Senate.

The motion to retable prevailed.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: Mr. President, I would like to inquire whether there is any Senate rule against smoking in the Senate Chamber.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that he understands that there is, and the Chair would be very glad to entertain a motion from the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Carter.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, I do not wish to interrupt the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Carter, but I would be glad to be advised what rule of the Senate prohibits smoking.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair offhand would like to consult the rules.

Mrs. CARTER of Androscoggin:

Mr. President, do I understand that there is a rule against smoking?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair so understands.

Mrs. CARTER: And that it is permissible if the rules are asked to be suspended by a member.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator is correct.

Mrs. CARTER: May I make a motion at this time?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would be glad to entertain a motion.

Mrs. CARTER: Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended and the members be allowed to smoke.

Mr. MURCHIE: Mr. President, it is the furthest from my purpose to interfere with any motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Carter, but I believe that I must do so at this time as it is my understanding that we have no such rule in the Senate and never have had.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is inclined to believe that there is such a rule.

Mr. MURCHIE: Has the Chair available a copy of the Senate rules?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair understands that we have not yet been furnished with a copy of Reed's Rules and the Chair will entertain the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Carter, that the rules be suspended and the members be allowed to smoke.

The motion prevailed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that any member of the Senate may now smoke.

On motion by Mr. Towle of Kennebec,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.