

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

Legislative Record

OF THE

Eighty-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1935

KENNEBEC JOURNAL COMPANY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Tuesday, January 15, 1935

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. L. L. Dunn of Gardiner.

Journal of Thursday, January 10th, read and approved.

Mr. FERNALD of Waldo: Mr. President, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator will state his point of personal privilege.

Mr. FERNALD: Mr. President and members of the Senate, a week ago Friday I spoke before the Massachusetts Senate. At that time I remarked that I hoped that the activities of that body would be carried on in peace and harmony. I rise at this time with the sincere hope and sincere desire that the activities of this august body may be carried on in the same manner.

As I recall, we had a campaign last year. It was hotly contested in Waldo County and I happened to be one of those who survived, as did every other Republican in Waldo County, with one exception to my regret. As a member of the Republican party of Waldo County I am under a considerable obligation to a great many friends and consequently, in my ardor to do what I thought in my way as a Freshman Senator I should do to take care of my deserving workers and fellow Republicans, I attempted to advance their cause here at the State House for various minor positions which I felt they were entitled to. Out of all this there has arisen among us some personal feeling that I hope will subside and will no longer exist because, after all, we are no longer Republicans and no longer Democrats but we are living in a democracy, living under majority rule, and I am willing to abide by the rule of the majority whether it be in a Republican caucus or in a committee or as a member of the State Senate.

I want to say that the treatment that has been accorded me by yourself as presiding officer has been of the highest type and you have always rendered to me the most friendly cooperation, all of which I appreciate. I appreciate the fact that last July when we talked about committees my interest with banks and banking and with taxation was

recognized and I also appreciate that for good and sufficient reasons, questions of seniority, geography and other good and sufficient reasons, it was not possible for you to put me on those committees.

I would like to pause here for a moment and say that I hope that the House will not feel offended by our stealing their audience but we will try not to let it occur again.

I appreciate the fact, and I think you do, Mr. President, that I accepted the positions as chairman of the Salaries and Fees Committee and the Labor Committee not because of any personal interest I had to those committees but because that seemed to be the thing to do in order to cooperate with you as presiding officer. Since being assured that I would be considered for those chairmanships I had worked out a program for labor so that I had hoped this session to make the Labor Committee an important committee, a real committee, and I had the assurance of the cooperation of the Maine State Federation of Labor, which federation backed me by a written endorsement during the last campaign. I had hoped to work with the Salaries and Fees Committee and make a real committee out of that. I had a proposal to present, a classified civil service bill, before the Legislature.

I have a feeling now that as a Senator from Waldo County perhaps I have not been given all the privileges and courtesies that would usually fall upon a dormant senator from that county who belonged to the majority party but, be that as it may be, the situation is such that today we are entering the period of our legislative duties where clerkships and jockeying for positions, and so forth, are taboo and we are ready now to go forward as legislators.

I am interested in county government. I am interested in county government so much that I do not care to hurt the cause of reorganization of county government by making a scene that would border upon frivolity, because at some near future date I would like to present for a few minutes a serious consideration of county government for the Senate of Maine, which will later go to the House for their consideration.

And if there is any senator in this body or any member of the

House whom I have in any way injured in his personal feeling, or anybody else, why, I am willing to "take the rap" and apologize. But I still say that Waldo County has not been recognized as it should have been—and that may be because of my activities—but I do say that the Republican party will live to recognize and pay homage to Waldo County and the Republicans of Waldo County, in the near future. And as far as I am concerned, I am willing to go along and play ball as far as personal privilege is concerned.

Next week we will be entering into the discussion of principles and when we get to the point in our deliberations of principles I shall stand in this body and talk as long as I feel that I have a contribution to present on the principle.

I don't know whether or not I have said all that I should but I think you understand how I feel about the matter. If there is anyone here who has anything they do not like, if they will let me know, why, tomorrow I will insert that in the record, but for my part I would like to see us continue to maintain the dignity and peace and harmony of the Maine Senate.

I thank each and every one of you for the courtesy you have accorded me in allowing me to take up your time at this moment. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair will make only one remark and that is, how good and beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to the Protection of Elk." (H. P. 95)

In the House, received out of order; read three times under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its first reading without reference to a committee; thereupon, the same senator offered Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption: "Senate Amendment 'A' to House Paper 95. Amend said bill by striking out the first three paragraphs of the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Whereas, the National Park Service of the United States has offered to the State of Maine for

immediate delivery a certain number of elk provided said elk are adequately protected upon their entrance to the State of Maine and,

"Whereas, acceptance of this offer will bring these elk to the State of Maine without any means of legal protection being provided, and,

"Whereas, if they are protected they will become of great value to the State of Maine, furnishing an added attraction to the recreational interests of the state and a needed food supply to future generations of our citizens, and,"

Senate Amendment "A" was thereupon adopted; and on further motion by the same senator the rules were suspended and the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

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

Judiciary

Mr. Fernald of Waldo presented Bill "An Act Granting Preference to Maine Bidders." (S. P. 113)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Authorize the Use of Voting Machines in Elections." (S. P. 114)

500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Burkett of Knox presented Bill "An Act Creating a State Park Commission." (S. P. 115)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Library

Miss Martin of Penobscot presented

"Resolve for the Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of a Bibliography of the State of Maine, 1892 to 1933." (S. P. 116)

(On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Mr. Friend of Somerset presented "Resolve Authorizing the Forest

Commissioner to Convey Certain Lands to the Highway Commission." (S. P. 117)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Skowhegan." (S. P. 118)

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to announce the replacements on the three committees of Library, State Sanatoriums, and Towns of a new member to take the place of the Senator from An-

droscoggin, now deceased, Senator Weeks. On the Committee on Library, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bodge; on the Committee on State Sanatoriums, the Senator from Oxford, Senator Goodwin; on the Committee on Towns, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Haskell.

Is there any further business to come before the Senate this afternoon?

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock,

Adjourned, until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.