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OF THE

Eighty-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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## SENATE

Wednesday, January 6, 1937.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senators-elect to the Eighty-eighth Legislature convened in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by Royden V. Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the Eighty-seventh Legislature.

Prayer as offered by Rev. Herbert E. P. Pressey of Augusta.

Communication from the Secretary of State:

STATE OF MAINE.  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE.

To Royden V. Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the Eighty-seventh Legislature:

In compliance with Section 36, Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Senators-elect to the Eighty-eighth Legislature, as now appears by the report of the Governor and Council under date of October 17, 1936.

First Senatorial District—William B. Deering of Hollis, Emery S. Littlefield of Alfred, Geo. J. Wentworth of Kennebunk.

Second Senatorial District—Clinton T. Goudy of South Portland, Gail Laughlin of Portland, Arthur G. Spear of Portland, John E. Willey of Falmouth.

Third Senatorial District—John C. MacKinnon of Mexico, Earl P. Osgood of Fryeburg.

Fourth Senatorial District—Charles E. Fortin of Lewiston, Frank E. Maliar of Lewiston, Laurence J. Walsh of Lewiston.

Fifth Senatorial District—John F. Blanchard of Wilton.

Sixth Senatorial District—Sumner Sewall of Bath.

Seventh Senatorial District—Leroy F. Hussey of Augusta, H. C. Marden of Waterville, Robert Owen of Vassalboro.

Eighth Senatorial District—Sanger M. Cook of Pittsfield, Francis H. Friend of Skowhegan.

Ninth Senatorial District—Charles J. Chase of Sebec.

Tenth Senatorial District—Marion E. Martin of Bangor, Frank A. Potter of Bangor, Harold W. Worthen of Corinth.

Eleventh Senatorial District—Elton H. Lewis of Boothbay.

Twelfth Senatorial District—Fred E. Burkett of Union.

Thirteenth Senatorial District—Roy Lynce Fernald of Winterport.

Fourteenth Senatorial District—Rae D. Graves of Mount Desert, Jeremiah Kennedy of Lamoine.

Fifteenth Senatorial District—Edward J. Corrigan of Calais, Clarence B. Beckett of Calais.

Sixteenth Senatorial District—George F. Ashby of Fort Fairfield, J. Frederic Burns of Houlton, Harvey A. Tompkins of Bridgewater.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be herewith affixed at Augusta, this fifth day of January, A. D. 1937, of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and sixty-first.

(SEAL)

LEWIS O. BARROWS,

Secretary of State.

Which was read and placed on file.

Roll Call

The roll being called the following Senators-elect responded to their names:

Beckett, Blanchard, Burkett, Burns, Chase, Cook, Corrigan, Deering, Fernald, Friend, Goudy, Graves, Hussey, Kennedy, Laughlin, Lewis, Littlefield, MacKinnon, Maliar, Marden, Martin, Osgood, Owen, Potter, Sewall, Spear, Tompkins, Walsh, Wentworth, Willey, Worthen.

Thirty-one Senators-elect having answered to the roll-call the Secretary declared that a quorum was present.

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot, that Senator-elect was charged with a message to the Governor and Council informing them that a quorum of the Senators-elect to the Eighty-eighth Legislature was present in the Senate Chamber ready to take and subscribe to the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently Miss Martin reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged and the Governor was pleased to reply that he will attend upon the Senators-elect forthwith for the purpose of administering to them

the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

#### Senators Take Oath

Thereupon the Governor, the Honorable Louis J. Brann, attended by the Executive Council came in, before whom the Senators-elect took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

#### Address by the Governor

The GOVERNOR: Members of the Senate of the Eighty-eighth Legislature, I wish to extend to the members of the Senate a very cordial welcome to the Capital City and to express the wish, and the expectation, that your deliberations here in the Capitol will not only be pleasant individually but that they will be very fruitful so far as the State of Maine is concerned.

It has been the custom, for some years at least in Maine, for the retiring governor to deliver a valedictory address and it seemed to me as I considered the matter that it would be good judgment upon my part to refrain at this time from attempting to give any advice to the incoming Legislature. I feel very definitely that the incoming governor who is to be inaugurated tomorrow, the Honorable Lewis O. Barrows, has the ability and the judgment to very properly state to the Legislature tomorrow in convention the problems that confront this Legislature and which will have to be met by the Legislature this year.

I feel also that this very forthright gathering of Maine citizens selected by the suffrages of your various senatorial districts have the ability and the courage and the forthrightness to determine those problems that will confront you, and consequently it has seemed to me advisable to break the precedent that has obtained here in Maine for some years at least and to refrain at this juncture from attempting to instruct this very intelligent Legislature or to impart to them anything that might be construed upon my part as advice or instructions.

Certainly, my friends—and I count you my friends—I desire at this time to extend to you a very cordial welcome, as I said in my very opening sentence, and I trust that your deliberations will be most happy and that you will have a very

splendid winter in the Capital City. I thank you.

The Governor and Council then withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Tompkins of Aroostook, Senators Tompkins of Aroostook, Hussey of Kennebec and Cook of Somerset were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for President of the Senate.

The committee, having attended to its duty, Mr. Tompkins for the committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 31.

Necessary for choice, 16.

J. Frederick Burns had 29; Charles Fortin had 2.

Which report was read and accepted and the Secretary declared the Honorable J. Frederick Burns duly elected President of the Senate of the Eighty-eighth Legislature.

Mr. Burns was escorted to the Chair by Mr. Tompkins of Aroostook and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows:

Members of the Senate of the Eighty-eighth Legislature:

You have conferred upon me a most distinct honor by electing me to the office of President of the Senate, with the attendant duty and the responsibility of presiding over the deliberations of your august body during the ensuing session. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude. I am fully mindful of the expression of regard and confidence which you have given me, and in appreciation it will be my constant effort to demonstrate to you that your confidence and regard have not been unfounded. I am conscious that the primary function of this office is to fairly and honestly interpret the rules of the Senate and to facilitate proceedings here as expeditiously as possible without infringing on the prerogatives of those whose interests are rightfully before us for our consideration. In doing so, however, unnecessary haste will be avoided. We are a deliberative body and this quality must be preserved in order that the best interest of the State may be safeguarded and hasty and ill-considered legislation be avoided. To bring these highly desirable objectives to accomplishment, full cooperation must be maintained on your part and on mine at all times.

We live under a republican form of government and as such the will of the majority must prevail. This

rule, however, should not be applied harshly and arbitrarily, as due consideration should be given to the rights of those in the minority, for justice and equity demand it. The public welfare of the state should be preeminent in our minds at all times and we should constantly be on our guard to ward off any attempted encroachment by any group or organized minority actuated by ulterior motives.

The function of the Legislature is to enact necessary laws in furtherance of the common weal. As one of the three independent branches of our state government, we are supreme in the field of legislation, and we, and we alone, are responsible to the people of the State of Maine. To fulfill these obligations and to retain the confidence and respect of our citizens, we must be firm and not vacillating. We must be strong, purposeful, and constructive. We must be dignified. The people whom we represent will be watching our deliberations closely, and with interest and concern. We must prove to them that their confidence in us has not been misplaced.

For the first time in four years the legislative and executive branches of our government are of the same political faith. The Republican party has heavy majorities in both branches of the Legislature and, because of that, further and additional responsibilities are ours. Should we deviate from the policy of enacting only such legislation as is for the best interests of the State, friction and ill-feeling are bound to result, and the efficiency of our program will be sacrificed. An unwieldy majority could then place in jeopardy the principles for which we are convened, and expense and chaos would necessarily result. Because of this large majority, we must at all times regulate our actions to prevent developments of this character. I have every confidence that we will safely circumvent these pitfalls, and that this Senate will emulate the finest chapters in its history.

While, in the final analysis, we are charged with the responsibility of enacting all expedient legislation by the constitution of the State, we also must consider carefully any and all recommendations of our chief executive. The governor-elect, Honorable Lewis O. Barrows, by training and experience, is well

equipped to fulfill the arduous and exacting duties that are bound to confront his administration during the next two years. Knowing him as we do, we know that he has, with industry, diligence and perseverance, carefully studied the needs of the citizens of this state. We know further that he has the confidence of the people as manifested by their vote at the last state election. Appreciating as we do the public career and character of Governor-elect Barrows and aware of the constitutional mandate placed upon us, the most careful and painstaking study should be given to such recommendations as he officially lays before us. I know that the committees to which these matters will be referred will give these matters every possible consideration.

One of the most critical periods in the history of our state and nation lies before us. The problems confronting this legislature are unusually grave. Our burden will be heavy. It will tax our intelligence and abilities to the utmost in the limited time before us to solve these questions. We live in a changing era. To become dormant and not move forward with the spirit of the times will bring about a static condition. This must be avoided. We must be conservative but not reactionary; progressive but not radical. We should not cling to outmoded customs which have long since lost their usefulness, nor should we be first to experiment with departures from our time-honored policies, unless and until we are sure that they are in sound keeping with the trend of the times.

The budget must be balanced. To accomplish this we are urged to pare expenses to the bone and are further admonished against increasing the tax burden of the people of the state. On the other hand, we are conscious that the general sentiment is in favor of social security legislation and its attendant additional expense to the state. To provide these reforms will require an expenditure of over two million dollars above the ordinary expense of state government.

To this amount must be added another million and a half or more to take care of the deficit bequeathed to us from the last administration. At all costs the credit of the state must be maintained and this debt must be liquidated. As this

large deficit is not a debt of ours or the incoming administration, the logical course to follow to provide for its liquidation would be to add it to the state debt by constitutional amendment. Unfortunately, the maximum debt limit of the state has been reached and this, together with other legal objections, renders such disposition thereof inadvisable. How to meet this obligation other than from current revenue raised during the next two years seems our most difficult problem.

We will be asked further to appropriate approximately one and one-half million dollars to improve educational standards in the state as provided by the proposed equalization bill endorsed by those interested in improving school conditions in the state of Maine. Obviously, any or all of these reform measures can not be enacted into laws without increasing the tax burden of the state. All of these proposed increased functions of our state government will require an additional outlay on the part of the state of five or six million dollars above the usual and ordinary expenses of government. It is an obvious fallacy to contend that these reforms can be administered and at the same time not increase the tax burden.

The enactment of social security legislation appears desirable and this means increased taxation. If our citizens want these reforms and if it is not an uncertain or temporary impulse but a permanent and genuine desire, and if our people are willing to pay for them, their will must be recognized. Means must therefore be devised by this legislature to tax new sources for revenue. Either a sales tax or a state income tax, or both, with or without a referendum, will be advanced for our consideration. The adoption of either or both measures means increasing the expense of state government but their adoption leaves us no alternative. You might just as well face the true situation early and act accordingly. It is not my province to instruct or recommend to you the passage of any or all of the legislation that I have just mentioned. You may find that the general sentiment of the state is opposed to some of it at this time and it can thereby be eliminated.

Because of the increased volume of legislation to be submitted to us,

it is desirable that idle controversy be avoided. On the other hand, I urge you to freely debate all serious problems confronting us when debate will clarify the issues involved.

Our task is a heavy one and I earnestly plead for your cooperation and tolerance on all occasions. Such mistakes as I shall make will be mistakes of judgment and I ask your tolerance and charity. In time I am hopeful that I shall rise above these human frailties in some measure and with your hearty support and cooperation and kind consideration I feel that this can be done and that, in the final result, the efficiency of this body will be traditionally maintained.

I wait your pleasure.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, the Senate voted that a committee be appointed to receive, sort and count votes for the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Owen of Kennebec, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Sewall, was authorized to cast one ballot on the part of the Senate in favor of Royden V. Brown for Secretary of the Senate.

This was done and Royden V. Brown of Skowhegan was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the political years 1937 and 1938.

At the request of the President, Mr. Friend of Somerset escorted the Secretary-elect to the Council chamber for the purpose of taking and subscribing the necessary oaths of office to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Friend reported to the Senate that he had attended to the duty assigned him and that Royden V. Brown had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths of office required to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, the Senate voted that a committee be appointed to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Owen of Kennebec the Senator from York, Senator Wentworth, was authorized to cast one ballot on the part of the Senate in favor of Chester T. Win-

slow for Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

This was done and Chester T. Winslow of Raymond was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate for the political years 1937 and 1938.

Mr. Winslow subsequently appeared before George W. Leadbetter, Esquire, authorized Dedimus Justice and took and subscribed the oaths of office.

On motion by Mr. Goudy of Cumberland, the Senate voted that a committee be appointed to receive, sort and count votes for Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Graves of Hancock, the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Lewis was authorized to pass one ballot on the part of the Senate in favor of Mellen H. Tryon for Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

This was done and Mellen H. Tryon of Pownal was declared duly elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate for the political years 1937 and 1938.

On motion by Mr. Cook of Somerset, the Senator from Oxford, Senator MacKinnon was authorized to cast one ballot on the part of the Senate in favor of Louis R. Fowler for Assistant Sergeant at Arms, John K. Forhan for Postmaster, Waldo H. Clark for Doorkeeper, Roy S. Humphrey for Page and Harlan Wadleigh, Jr., for Page.

This was done and the above were declared duly elected to their several offices for the political years 1937 and 1938.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives informing that body that the Senate had organized by the choice of the Honorable J. Frederick Burns as President, Royden V. Brown as Secretary and Chester T. Winslow as Assistant Secretary.

That Senator retired and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council informing them that the Senate had organized by the choice of the Honorable J. Fred-

erick Burns as President, Royden V. Brown as Secretary and Chester T. Winslow as Assistant Secretary. That Senator retired and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

A communication from the Department of State transmitting the gubernatorial vote was received and referred to the Committee on Gubernatorial Vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from the Department of State transmitting the Senatorial vote:—

#### STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State  
Augusta, Maine, January 6, 1937  
To the President of the Senate:

I have the honor herewith to transmit the returns of votes given by the several cities, towns and plantations of this state on the second Monday in September last, for State Senators.

Respectfully,

(Signed) LEWIS O. BARROWS,  
Secretary of State.

Which was read and on motion by Mr. Beckett of Washington was referred to the Committee on the Senatorial Vote.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives informing the Senate that that body had organized by the choice of Honorable George E. Hill as Speaker, Harvey R. Pease as Clerk, and Earl R. Wing as Assistant Clerk.

#### Orders

On motion by Ashby of Aroostook, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Knox, it was

ORDERED, that the State Librarian be directed each member and officer of the Senate with a copy of the Acts and Resolves of the Eighty-seventh Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Lewis of Lincoln, it was

ORDERED, that a committee of seven be appointed by the President to whom the returns of votes for Senators for the political years of 1937 and 1938 shall be referred for examination and report.

The President appointed Senators Lewis of Lincoln, Fortin of Androscoggin, Owen of Kennebec, Corrigan of Washington, Littlefield of York, Potter of Penobscot, Chase of Piscataquis.

On motion by Mr. Cook of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that the Official Reporter of the Senate be authorized to procure the services of a type-writing operator during the present session at an expense not exceeding \$400; also an assistant reporter at an expense not exceeding \$700; for the preparation and completion of the legislative record.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to secure the services of three stenographers for the present session; one for the office of the President and two for the office of the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Walsh of Androscoggin, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate prepare and have printed 150 diagrams of the Senate Chamber for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate purchase such stationery and supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin, it was

ORDERED, that the rules and orders of the Senate of the Eighty-seventh Legislature be the rules and orders of this Senate.

On motion by Mr. Tompkins of Arostock, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish for the use of the Senate, four copies of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, one copy each of the Holy Bible, Webster's International Dictionary, Bouvier's Dic-

tionary and Reed's Parliamentary Rules.

On motion by Mr. Beckett of Washington, it was

ORDERED, that Charles P. Lyford of Augusta be appointed Official Reporter of the Senate with the same compensation as paid at the last regular session of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Deering of York, it was

ORDERED, that the Senate hold one session a day commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Wentworth of York, it was

ORDERED, that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a Folder for the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, it was

ORDERED, that the State Librarian be directed to provide each member and officer of the Senate with a copy of the Revised Statutes.

On motion by Mr. Graves of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules and Orders of the Eighty-seventh Legislature be the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature. (S. P. 1)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House jointly prepare the Senate and House Register, and that 5000 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature. (S. P. 2)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Willey of Cumberland, it was

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. (S. P. 3)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all matters pertaining to advertising, committee record binders, paper supplies and rubber stamps be referred to the Superintendent of Public Printing, who shall direct the handling of such matters. (S. P. 4)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature, shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. (S. P. 5)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MacKinnon of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of State be authorized to furnish wrappers and postage stamps for each member and officer of the Senate and House not exceeding \$5.00 in amount each for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the Departments of State and other public documents such as they may desire to mail to the citizens of the state. (S. P. 6)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Osgood of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish each member and officer of the Senate during the present session with three daily newspapers printed in the state, as each member and officer may select.

Miss Martin of Penobscot presented the following order and moved its passage:—

ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill for private or special legislation be received by this Legislature after four o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 4, 1937, except by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced, and further

That any bill for private or special legislation which shall be received in either body of this Legislature by unanimous consent

after four o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 4, 1937, shall be referred to the Eighty-ninth Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence, and further

That the Secretary of the Senate cause a copy of the above orders to be published in all the daily and weekly papers of the state, commencing January 12, 1937, and continuing up to and including February 4, 1937. (S. P. 7)

On motion by Mr. Willey of Cumberland, tabled pending passage.

On motion by Mr. Worthen of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years 1937 and 1938 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join. (S. P. 8)

Sent down for concurrence.

The President appointed as Senate members of this Committee: Senators, Worthen of Penobscot, Sewall of Sagadahoc, Malliar of Androscoggin, Goudy of Cumberland, Marden of Kennebec, Friend of Somerset, Miss Laughlin of Cumberland.

On motion by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred and fifty copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1937 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House, 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 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 (\$500.00) (S. P. 9).

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Bureau of Purchases be directed to furnish to the Superintendent of Public Printing, postage on all correspondence relative to advertising committee hearings during the present session, same to be charged to Legislative expense. (S. P. 10)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Cook of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the members and officers of the Legislature be furnished with express and parcel transportation for all packages and department reports in a sum not exceeding five dollars (\$5.00) for each member and officer thereof, and that such transportation be furnished and expended under the direction of the State Library Department, and the unexpended balance at the close of the year 1937 shall be available for use in 1939. (S. P. 11)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Spear of Cumberland presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that each member and officer of the Legislature be furnished with a fountain pen. (S. P. 12)

On motion by Miss Martin of Kennebec, tabled pending passage.

Mr. Blanchard of Franklin presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill or resolve be received by this Legislature after four o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 11, 1937, except by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced, and further,

ORDERED, that any bill or resolve which shall be received in either body of this Legislature by unanimous consent after four o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 11, 1937, shall be referred to the Eighty-ninth Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence. These orders shall not apply to bills reported by any joint standing or joint select committee in the regular course of business, nor to such bills and resolves as are intended only to

facilitate the business of the Eighty-eighth Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate cause a copy of the above orders to be published in all the daily and weekly papers of the State, commencing January 11, 1937, and continuing up to and including February 11, 1937. (S. P. 13)

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, tabled pending passage.

On motion by Mr. Fortin of Androscoggin, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby given charge of all assignments of rooms for hearings in the Capitol Building, and that all applications for rooms for hearings must be made to him in writing, forty-eight hours previous to the time when said rooms are to be used for that purpose. (S. P. 14.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hussey of Kennebec presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring that A. G. Robinson be State House Investigator during the present session of the Legislature at the same rate of compensation paid Mr. Robinson during the last session. (S. P. 15)

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending passage.

Miss Martin of Penobscot presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring that a joint select committee to be designated "Committee on the University of Maine," be appointed, consisting of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House. (S. P. 16)

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Kennebec, tabled pending passage.

On motion by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Maine State Bar Association for the afternoon of Wednesday, January 13, 1937.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the

Five Counties Republican Club, Incorporated, for the afternoon of January 20, 1937.

On motion by Mr. Willey of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the joint order relative to time limit for private and special bills, tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:—

"Senate Amendment A to Senate Paper number seven relative to time limit for private and special bills. Amend said order by striking out in the fourth line thereof the words, 'February 4th' and inserting in place thereof the words 'January the 28th.'"

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, the order and the amendment were laid upon the table pending adoption of Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Owen of Kennebec

Recessed until this afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

#### After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Beckett of Washington, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of the two branches of the legislature forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture, and seven Executive Councilors.

The Secretary retired and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot the Senate voted to take from the table the joint order rela-

tive to fountain pens, tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage; and on further motion by the same Senator the order was indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pease its Clerk, announcing that that branch concurred in the proposition of the Senate for a joint convention for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture, and seven Executive Councilors.

Thereupon the Senate retired to the Hall of the House of Representatives where a joint convention was formed.

(For proceedings of joint convention see House report.)

#### In the Senate

Upon the return of the Senators to the Senate Chamber the Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland the Senate voted to take from the table the joint order relative to State House Investigator, tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage; and upon further motion by the same Senator the order received a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Kennebec the Senate voted to take from the table the joint order relative to Committee on the University of Maine, tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage; and upon further motion by the same Senator the motion received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: Is there any further business to come before the Senate?

On motion by Mr. Marden of Kennebec

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.