

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSE

Tuesday, January 17, 1939.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wood of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that a committee be appointed, two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to study the advisability of a contributory retirement system for Maine.

Said committee to make its report during this legislative session by bill or otherwise. (S. P. 61)

Comes from the Senate, read and passed with the following members appointed on its part:

Messrs. Tompkins of Aroostook  
Sanborn of Cumberland

In the House, read and passed in concurrence, and the Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House:

Messrs. Gyger of Cumberland  
Payson of Portland  
Farrington of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has in its possession a communication from the Governor which does not appear on the calendar. Accompanying this communication is a letter which the Clerk will read:

"Albion, Maine  
January 9, 1939.

Gov. Lewis O. Barrows,  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Governor:

I am sending you the gavels made from wood on the site of the birthplace of Elijah P. Lovejoy for you to present to the Senate and House with my compliments. I trust that this belated tribute to Albion's illustrious son will be the means of inspiring some one to nobler deeds for God and humanity.

I hope it will be my privilege to visit the Senate and House during the present session.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Nelson Miles Heikes.

Mr. SHESONG of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the name of Elijah Parish Lovejoy stands high among the martyrs of the land. He died in defense of the freedom of the press. He was born in Albion, Maine, November 9, 1802, and graduated from Colby College in the class of 1826. Shortly after graduation he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he engaged in newspaper work and soon became an editor on the St. Louis Observer. Slavery was then at its worst, and Mr. Lovejoy saw many of the abuses which Lincoln also witnessed. As a result of those observations he became a strong Abolitionist and his pen was ever active against slavery. His office and printing press in St. Louis were destroyed by mob violence in 1836. He then moved to Alton, Illinois, where he continued his attacks against slavery, and it was there that three of his printing presses were wrecked by mob violence. It was while defending his fourth press from such violence that he was shot and killed on November 7, 1837, a martyr to the cause of the freedom of the press.

It is entirely fitting and proper that at this time, one hundred and thirteen years after his graduation from the college which nurtured him in young manhood—a college which is about to move to a new campus on Mayflower Hill in Waterville, Maine, in the midst of world events which he would not recognize today—that this symbol of his greatness, a gavel, fashioned from a cherry tree grown on the farm where he was reared, in Albion, Maine, should be received by this legislative body as a means of more closely identifying his name with the State of his birth.

This gift comes through the efforts of Rev. Nelson M. Heikes, a Pastor in the town of Albion, who has for many years been a student of the life of Elijah Parish Lovejoy.

I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that the gavel be accepted and the Clerk requested to extend the thanks of the House to the donor, the Rev. Nelson M. Heikes.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Shesong, moves that the gift of the gavel be accepted and that the Clerk be instructed to communicate the thanks of the House to the donor.

The motion prevailed.

The following bills and resolves were received, and upon recommendation of the committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

#### **Banks and Banking**

Bill "An Act changing the name of "Eastern Loan Company, Inc." to "The M-A-C Plan, Inc. of Maine" (H. P. 63) (Presented by Mr. Cowan of Portland)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Claims**

Resolve in favor of Robert E. Wright of Rock City, Delmar, New York (H. P. 64) (Presented by Mr. Cushing of Freeport)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Fairfield for aid to Emma Parker, State Pauper (H. P. 65) (Presented by Mr. Ellis of Fairfield)

Resolve in favor of Herbert L. Smith Jr. of Bucksport (H. P. 66) (Presented by Mr. Emery of Bucksport)

Resolve in favor of Stewart Jackson of Portland (H. P. 67) (Presented by Mr. Gyger of Cumberland)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Mary Hersey of Dover-Foxcroft (H. P. 68) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Dover-Foxcroft)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Washington for the support of Gardner Jones, State Pauper (H. P. 69) (Presented by Mr. Starrett of Warren)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Washington for support of James Rall, State Pauper (H. P. 70) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Washington for the support of Elmer K. Clark, State Pauper (H. P. 71) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act relative to closed time on Deer in certain counties" (H. P. 72) (Presented by Mr. Worth of Stockton Springs)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act Creating a Probation Department" (H. P. 73) (Presented by Mr. Marshall of Auburn)

(750 copies ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Aid for Private Roads" (H. P. 74) (Presented by Mr. McGlaulin of Portland)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act Validating certain acts of the Norway Village Corporation (H. P. 75) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Norway)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Norway Village Corporation" (H. P. 76) (Presented by same gentleman)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Pensions**

Resolve providing for an increase in State Pension for John W. Chase of Fairfield (H. P. 77) (Presented by Mr. Ellis of Fairfield)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Perley T. Giles of Dedham (H. P. 78) (Presented by Mr. Emery of Bucksport)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Robert E. Craig of Dedham (H. P. 79) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Lura N. West of Unity (H. P. 80) (Presented by Mr. Farwell of Unity)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Irene Forbes of Brooks (H. P. 81) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Edgar Frost of Unity (H. P. 82) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Clarence Tripp of Ripley (H. P. 85) (Presented by Mr. Jewett of Ripley)

Resolve providing an increase in State Pension for Minnie A. Savage of Washington (H. P. 86) (Presented by Mr. Starrett of Warren)

Mr. STARRETT of Warren: Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to withdraw resolve providing an increase in State Pension for Minnie A. Savage of Washington, House Paper 86.

Permission was granted the gentleman to withdraw the resolve.

Resolve providing for an increase in State Pension for William H. Rankin of Winterport (H. P. 87) (Presented by Mr. Worth of Stockton Springs)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Ways and Bridges**

Resolve in favor of the town of Yarmouth (H. P. 88) (Presented by Mr. Arzonico of Yarmouth)

Resolve in favor of the town of North Yarmouth (H. P. 89) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of New Canada Plantation (H. P. 90) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Eagle Lake)

Resolve in favor of the town of Presque Isle (H. P. 91) (Presented by Mr. Cleaves of Presque Isle)

Resolve in favor of the town of Eliot (H. P. 92) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot)

Resolve in favor of the town of Kittery (H. P. 93) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Norway (H. P. 94) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Norway)

Resolve in favor of the town of Oxford (H. P. 95) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Waterford (H. P. 96) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Smithfield (H. P. 97) (Presented by Mr. Ellis of Fairfield)

Resolve in favor of the town of Orland (H. P. 98) (Presented by Mr. Emery of Bucksport)

Resolve in favor of the town of Dedham (H. P. 99) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Penobscot (H. P. 100) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bucksport (H. P. 101) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Orland (H. P. 102) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Livermore (H. P. 103) (Presented by Mr. Grua of Livermore Falls)

Resolve in favor of the town of Falmouth (H. P. 104) (Presented by Mr. Gyger of Cumberland)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bluehill (H. P. 105) (Presented by Mr. Mahon of Ellsworth)

Resolve in favor of the town of Surry (H. P. 106) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the city of Ellsworth (H. P. 107) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Tremont (H. P. 108) (Presented by Mr. Norwood of Southwest Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the town of Cranberry Isle (H. P. 109) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Perry (H. P. 110) (Presented by Mr. Palmeter of Charlotte)

Resolve in favor of the town of Alexander (H. P. 111) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Warren (H. P. 112) (Presented by Mr. Starrett of Warren)

Resolve in favor of the town of Union (H. P. 113) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Washington (H. P. 114) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Searsport (H. P. 115) (Presented by Mr. Worth of Stockton Springs)

Resolve in favor of the town of Winterport (H. P. 116) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Winterport (H. P. 117) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Prospect (H. P. 118) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton Springs (H. P. 119) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Otto of Dexter,  
Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.