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OF THE

Ninety-first Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE



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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 6, 1943.

In convention of the members-elect of the Ninety-first Legislature.

This day being the day designated by the Constitution of the State for the meeting of the Ninety-first Legislature, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives at ten o'clock A. M. and were called to order by Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the House of 1941.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Hughes of Augusta.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a certified roll of the Representatives-elect of the Ninety-first Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Calais, the communication was read and ordered placed on file.

A certified roll of Representatives-elect was then called by the Clerk of the Ninetieth Legislature. The elected membership of the House being 151, 146 members-elect having answered to their names, a quorum was found to be present.

Those who were absent were:

Messrs: Davis of Montville, Donahue of Biddeford, Dwinal of Camden, Tozier of Fairfield, and Violette of Van Buren.

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, that gentleman and Messrs. Forhan of Canton, Hamilton of Hartland, Ayer of Cornish, MacKinnon of Mexico, Marsans of Monmouth, and Sanborn of Baldwin, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members-elect of the House of Representatives had assembled in the hall of the House and to request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Downs subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Representatives-elect for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Thereupon, the Governor, attended by his Council and escorted by the Hon. Harold I. Goss, entered the hall amid applause of the House, the members rising, and administered to the members-elect, and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Governor Sewall then addressed the House as follows:

GOVERNOR SEWALL: Members of the House of the Ninety-first Legislature: I want to take just a moment to extend to you a very cordial welcome to the Capitol. I know that you join with me in hoping that we have a very successful session of the Legislature, and I wish you all a very successful and happy New Year. (Applause)

Governor Sewall, attended by his Council and escorted by the Hon. Harold I. Goss, then retired, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

On motion by Miss Bangs of Brunswick, that gentlewoman and Mr. Stephenson of Union, Miss Deering of Bath, Messrs. Vickery of Pittsfield, Cleaves of Portland, Morrison of Winter Harbor, and McKeen of Paris, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Pelletier.

Mr. PELLETIER: Mr. Clerk and Members of the Ninety-first Legislature: I would like to take the opportunity at this time, in the name of the Minority Party of the State of Maine, to assure you that we wish to cooperate to the fullest extent possible in making this a successful session of the Legislature. We feel that you have selected wisely in your choice for Speaker of the House in the gentleman from Strong, Hon. F. Ardine Richardson. In view of that fact, it is the wish of the Minority Party that the choice for Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first Legislature be unanimous. Mr. Clerk, I move you that the committee cast one ballot for Hon. F. Ardine Richardson of Strong, as Speaker of the Ninety-first Legislature.

The motion prevailed, and the Chairman of the Committee cast one ballot for Hon. F. Ardine Richardson as Speaker of the House,

and that gentleman was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first Legislature.

Thereupon, Mr. Pelletier escorted Speaker Richardson to the Chair, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Speaker Richardson then addressed the House as follows:

The SPEAKER: Members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first Legislature: I want to assure you that I appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon me by your action in designating me as the Presiding Officer of this session. I want to assure the members of the Minority Party that their very gracious action, too, is appreciated. I want to assure you that it will be my sincere desire to cooperate in every move designed to coordinate and to facilitate the work of this session, and it is hardly necessary to remind you that your efforts and your cooperation to that end are just as necessary as mine.

I believe that we are assembling this morning, recognizing very clearly that a world condition demands of us not only as legislators, but as citizens, the best that we have to offer in the way of constructive service to our State and to our Nation; and in accord with the oath that we have just taken, it seems to me that we must meet here today with unanimity of opinion and with a sincere desire to demonstrate that a representative and free government still exists, in order that those men who are now representing us and serving us on battle-fronts all over the world may come back and find that the ramparts on which America has grown and prospered still stand.

So, in the spirit of the invocation we heard this morning at the opening of this assembly, may we not approach this task with humility of spirit and with a sincere desire to make this, the Ninety-first Legislature, outstanding both in its accomplishments and its service to the State of Maine. To that end I pledge you the best I have, and solicit your forbearance of my mistakes, and know we are going forward to really accomplish some constructive things. I thank you. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport, that gentleman and

Messrs. Crosby of Farmington, Brewer of Presque Isle, Day of Durham, Bowker of Portland and Keller of Hallowell, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Pelletier.

Mr. PELLETIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of this House: We, the Minority Members of this Ninety-first Legislature, trusting in the integrity of the Honorable Harvey R. Pease, wish to go on record as making his election as Clerk of this House unanimous. Mr. Speaker, I move you that the committee cast one ballot for Harvey R. Pease as Clerk of the House of Representatives of this Ninety-first Legislature.

The motion prevailed and the Chairman of the Committee cast one ballot for Harvey R. Pease of Wiscasset, as Clerk of the House, and that gentleman was declared duly elected as Clerk of the House of the Ninety-first Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta, that gentleman and Messrs. Rollins of Greenville, Ela of Anson, Lackee of Addison, Seeger of Kittery and Clapp of Brooklin were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Pelletier.

Mr. PELLETIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House; Again I arise for the same purpose as I have previously arisen, namely that the name of Mr. Roy S. Humphrey as Assistant Clerk of the House be made unanimous—or is the unanimous choice of all the members of this House. I move you, Sir, that the committee cast one ballot for Roy S. Humphrey as Assistant Clerk of the House.

The motion prevailed and the Chairman of the Committee cast one ballot for Roy S. Humphrey of Augusta, as Assistant Clerk of the House, and that gentleman was declared duly elected as Assistant Clerk of the House of the Ninety-first Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Payson of Portland, that gentleman and Messrs. Libby of Caribou, Hemphill of Me-

chanic Falls, Willey of Ellsworth, Morse of Oakland, Buzzell of Fryeburg, and Smith of Newport, were appointed a committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House by the election of Honorable F. Ardine Richardson as Speaker, Harvey R. Pease as Clerk, and Roy S. Humphrey as Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Payson subsequently reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned it.

The same information was conveyed to the Senate by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland.

At this time a message was received from the Senate, through Senator Dow of Oxford, informing the House that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of Honorable Horace A. Hildreth, of Cumberland, as President, Royden V. Brown as Secretary, and Chester T. Winslow as Assistant Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Thomaston, that gentleman conducted the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Governor to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, and Mr. Smith subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him and that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk had taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Thereupon, Harvey R. Pease, Clerk, and Roy S. Humphrey, Assistant Clerk, appeared and entered upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion by Mr. Pelletier of Sanford, it was

ORDERED, that Frank H. Treworgy of East Surry, be Sergeant-at-Arms; J. Warren Butman of Readfield, be Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; James E. Harvey of Readfield, be Document Clerk; Elmer Abbott of Augusta, be Doorkeeper; and that Rachel Eubar of Linneus, and Elizabeth Silver of Hartland, be the Pages.

The following Communication:
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Augusta, Maine, January 6, 1943.
 To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with the constitu-

tion and laws of the State of Maine, I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes cast for Representatives to the Legislature in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the general election held on September 14, A. D. 1942.

Respectfully,
 (Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS,
 Acting Secretary of State

The communication with accompanying papers was received, and on motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, tabled pending reference.

The following Communication:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
STATE OF MAINE
AUGUSTA

January 6, 1943

Hon. Harvey R. Pease
 Clerk of the House of Representatives of the 91st Legislature

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Section 36 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, I herewith report that a vacancy exists in the representation from class towns of Appleton, Camden and Hope caused by the resignation of Hon. Charles F. Dwinall of Camden under date of December 16, 1942, which letter of resignation is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS
 Acting Secretary of State.

The communication was received, and under suspension of the rules, read and ordered placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, it was

ORDERED, that Armored Hanks of Augusta, be the Official Reporter of the House for the present session; and that she be authorized to procure the services of a typist and proof-reader during the present session for the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Calais, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to maintain in his office an alphabetical index of all matters before the Legislature, and a legislative docket showing all action taken on all matters before the Legislature; the necessary additional clerical assistance to be employed by

the Clerk with the approval of the Speaker.

On motion by Mr. Robinson of Brewer, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to invite the Clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth Legislature be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper.

Mr. **SLEEPER**: Mr. Speaker, in order to expedite the business of the remainder of the session, I ask unanimous consent that the order of business as provided in the rules just adopted be dispensed with and that the House proceed under Orders of the Day.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, asks that by unanimous consent the order of business as provided by the rules just adopted be dispensed with today and that the House proceed under Orders of the Day. The Chair hears no objection and unanimous consent is granted.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until ten o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Cross of Augusta, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, that the Members of the House proceed with the drawing of seats; that the usual Monitors' seats be assigned to the Monitors appointed by the Speaker; that a choice of seats be granted to Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders of the Majority and Minority parties; that a choice of seats be granted to the Lady Members of the House and other members with physical disabilities.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair will read a section of the regulations

as it relates to the Monitors. Rule No. 6 provides that: "One Monitor shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty shall be to see to the observance of the Rules of the House, and on demand of the Speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division." In accordance with that provision, the Chair appoints the gentleman from Gray, Mr. Doughty, as Monitor of the first division; the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Day, as Monitor of the second division; the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams, as Monitor of the third division; and the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Cross, as Monitor of the fourth division.

The first choice of seats will fall to the Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders of both the Majority and Minority Parties. They will please come forward and make their selections.

Thereupon, the Monitors were assigned their respective seats, and a choice of seats was granted to Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders of the Majority and Minority Parties, and also a choice of seats was given to the lady members of the House and members with physical disabilities.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. **JACOBS**: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that many members have been accorded seats of their own choosing, I would like to suggest that the oldest member of the House, Mr. John Forhan of Canton, be allowed the privilege of choosing his own seat.

The motion prevailed.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan.

Mr. **FORHAN**: Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the Honorable Mr. Jacobs of Auburn, the oldest member in point of service, be allowed to select the seat of his choice.

The motion prevailed.

The members of the House thereupon proceeded with the usual drawing of seats.

The **SPEAKER**: Rule No. 10 of the House Rules reads as follows: "The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session shall be his during the session,

unless he shall have leave of the Speaker to change it.”

At this time the Chair grants permission to the members to exchange the seats they have just drawn at any time during the present week. On surrendering the seat card to the Sergeant-at-Arms the member receives his locker key and his seat number becomes a matter of record, therefore no exchanges of seats should be undertaken after the seat card has been turned in. And it is very necessary, I am informed by the Clerk, that all this information be turned in before any member leaves here tomorrow afternoon, in order that certain details in connection with the seating arrangement and the work of the next week may be ready. Will the House please bear that in mind.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor,

Recessed until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the Ninetieth Legislature be the Joint Rules of this Legislature (S. P. 1)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the Senate and Clerk of the House (S. P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred and seventy-five (375) copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1943 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 seventy-five (375) 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 Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, at an expense not exceeding five hundred (\$500.00) (S. P. 6)

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. 7)

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. 8)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives for mileage, the amounts included in lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively (S. P. 10)

These Orders came from the Senate in that body, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

The **SPEAKER**: The House will now be at ease pending a message from the Senate.

House at Ease

A communication was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, to be held forthwith in the hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General and seven Executive Councillors.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, the House voted to concur with the Senate in the proposition for a Joint Convention, and the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, in-

forming that body that the House concurred in the proposition for a Joint Convention.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

The Senate then entered the hall and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, Hon. Horace A. Hildreth, presided over the Convention and called it to order.

On motion by Senator Clement of Androscoggin, it was voted to appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for Secretary of State for the political years 1943 and 1944.

The Chairman of the Convention therupon appointed as members of such committee Senators Clement of Androscoggin, Bragdon of Aroostook, and Dorr of Oxford, and Representatives Barnes of Houlton, Snow of Auburn, Leavitt of Portland, Knight of Jay, Teel of Long Island Plantation, and Hawes of Vassalboro.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. Chairman, the Minority Party, having chosen no candidate, desires to make the election of Hon. Harold I. Goss, unanimous.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator McGlauffin.

Mr. McGLAUFFIN: Mr. Chairman, under those circumstances, I move that the Secretary of the Convention cast one vote for Hon. Harold I. Goss as Secretary of State as the vote of this Convention.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed and the Secretary cast one vote for the Hon. Harold I. Goss, and that gentleman was declared by the Chairman of the Convention as the duly elected Secretary of State for the political years 1943 and 1944.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chair now understands that the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Worthen, moves that a committee be appointed to receive, sort and count votes for the office of Treasurer of State. Is this the pleasure of the Convention?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. Chairman, the Minority Party, in this case also, has no chosen candidate, and I would move the unanimous election of the candidate of the Republican Party.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chair understands that the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, moves the unanimous election of Hon. Joseph H. McGillicuddy of Houlton, for the office of Treasurer of State, and that the Secretary of the Convention cast one ballot for that gentleman. Is this the pleasure of the Convention?

The motion prevailed, and the Secretary cast one ballot for the Honorable Joseph H. McGillicuddy, and that gentleman was declared by the Chairman of the Convention as the duly elected Treasurer of the State of Maine for the political years 1943 and 1944.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chair understands at this time that the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Owen, moves that a committee be appointed to receive, sort and count votes for the office of Attorney General. Is this the pleasure of the Convention?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. Chairman, the Minority Party, again, has no chosen candidate for the office of Attorney General and moves the election of the candidate of the Republican Party.

The CHAIRMAN: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, moves that the election of Mr. Frank I. Cowan for the office of Attorney General be unanimous, and that the Secretary of the Convention cast one ballot for that gentleman. Is this the pleasure of the Convention?

The motion prevailed, and the Secretary cast one ballot for the Hon. Frank I. Cowan, and that gentleman was declared by the Chairman of the Convention as the duly elected Attorney General of the State of Maine for the political years 1943 and 1944.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chair

now understands that the Senator from York, Senator Varney, moves that a committee be appointed to receive, sort and count votes for the seven Executive Councilors. Is this the pleasure of the Convention?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. Chairman, the Minority Party again desires to make the election of the Republican Nominees of the Executive Council unanimous, and I now move that the Secretary cast one ballot in behalf of this Convention for the election of the seven Executive Councilors.

The CHAIRMAN: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, desires to make the election of the Republican Nominees unanimous and moves that the Secretary cast one ballot on behalf of this Convention for the election of the seven Executive Councilors, those being George J. Wentworth, Arthur G. Spear, Charles B. Day, Earl Fenlason, Clarence A. Race, John W. Leland and Clarence B. Beckett. Is this the pleasure of the Convention?

The motion prevailed, and the Secretary cast one vote for the Councilors-elect, and the Chair declared the following duly elected Executive Councilors for the political years 1943 and 1944:

George J. Wentworth, for the 1st District

Arthur G. Spear, for the 2nd District

Charles B. Day, for the 3rd District

Earl Fenlason, for the 4th District
Clarence A. Race, for the 5th District

John W. Leland, for the 6th District

Clarence B. Beckett, for the 7th District

On motion by Senator Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary be directed to notify the Hon. Harold I. Goss of his election as Secretary of State, Hon. Joseph H. McGillicuddy of his election as Treasurer of State, and Hon. Frank I. Cowan of his election as Attorney General, and the Honorables George J. Wentworth, Arthur G. Spear, Charles B. Day, Earl Fenlason, Clarence A. Race, John W. Leland, and Clarence

B. Beckett, of their elections as Executive Councilors for the political years 1943 and 1944.

Subsequently the Secretary reported that he had notified the officers as directed.

On motion by Senator Harvey of York, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the Governor informing him of the election of the Hon. Harold I. Goss as Secretary of State, Hon. Joseph H. McGillicuddy as Treasurer of State, Hon. Frank I. Cowan as Attorney General, and the Honorables George J. Wentworth, Arthur G. Spear, Charles B. Day, Earl Fenlason, Clarence A. Race, John W. Leland, and Clarence B. Beckett as Executive Councilors for the political years 1943 and 1944.

The Chairman of the Convention appointed Senator Friend of Somerset, to convey the message, and subsequently the Senator reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

At this point the Joint Convention was dissolved, its purposes having been accomplished, and the Senate retired to its Chamber amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

In The House

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Pelletier of Sanford, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. PELLETIER: Mr. Speaker, I desire to announce the presence in the hall of the House of Representative-elect William P. Donahue of Biddeford, and I move you, Sir, that Mr. Donahue be conducted to the Governor, to take and subscribe to the necessary oaths to qualify him as a member of this House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Pelletier, moves that Representative-elect Donahue of Biddeford, be conducted to the Executive Chamber and there given the official oath of office.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Pelletier, to conduct the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Donahue, to the Executive Chamber in order that he might receive the oath of office.

Subsequently the gentleman from

Sanford, Mr. Pelletier, reported he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Donahue, had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify him as a member of this House.

Mr. Smith of Thomaston, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I desire to announce the presence in the hall of the House of Representatives of Representative-elect Ernest A. Davis, of Montville, and I move that he be conducted to the Governor's office to take and subscribe to the necessary oath in order to qualify him as a member of this House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Smith, reports the presence in the hall of the House of Representative--elect Ernest A. Davis, of Montville, and moves that Mr. Davis be conducted to the Executive Chamber and there be administered the official oath of office.

The Chair will state that if there are any more Representatives-elect present in the hall of the House who have not subscribed to the oath of office, they will please rise, in order that they may be conducted to

the Executive Chamber at this time.

Thereupon, the motion of the gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Smith, prevailed, and that gentleman was appointed by the Chair to escort to the Executive Chamber the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Ernest A. Davis, in order that he might take the necessary oaths of office.

Subsequently the gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Smith, reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Ernest A. Davis, had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify him as a member of this House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair calls the attention of the members of the House to Rule 25 which reads as follows: "Smoking is prohibited in the hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session."

On motion by the gentlewoman from Fort Kent, Mrs. Leidy, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.