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OF THE

Ninety-first Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE



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HOUSE

Thursday, January 7, 1943.

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

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

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers From the Senate

The following Order:

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 1943 and 1944 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join (S. P. 5)

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

Messrs. Clement of Androscoggin, Bragdon of Aroostook, McGlaflin of Cumberland, Dorr, of Oxford Bishop of Sagadahoc, Varney of York, Sterling of Somerset.

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

Messrs. Rankin of Bridgton, Barnes of Houlton, Grua of Livermore Falls, Cobb of Gardiner, Teel of Long Island Pl., Thompson of Chelsea, Emerson of North Haven.

From the Senate: The following communication: (S. P. 11)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Augusta, January 6, 1943.

To the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of the Ninety-first Legislature of the State of Maine.

In compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes cast for Governor in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the general election held on September 14, 1942.

Respectfully,

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

Came from the Senate, referred to the committee on gubernatorial Vote.

In the House, referred to the

Committee on Gubernatorial Vote in concurrence.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton.

Mr. **DUTTON**: Mr. Speaker, I desire to announce the presence in the hall of the House of Representatives of Hon. Norman S. Tozier, Representative-elect, of Fairfield. I move you, Sir, that Mr. Tozier be conducted to the Governor to take and subscribe the necessary oath to qualify him as a member of this House.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, moves that Representative-elect Norman S. Tozier be conducted to the Executive Chamber and there be given the official oath in order to qualify him as a member of this House.

The motion prevailed, and the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, was appointed by the Speaker to escort Representative-elect Tozier to the Executive Chamber.

Subsequently Mr. Dutton reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged, and at the direction of the Speaker the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, escorted the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Tozier, to a seat on the floor of the House.

A message was then received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held forthwith in the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering to the Honorable Councilors-elect the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties and for the further purpose of administering to the Honorable Governor-elect the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that body that the House concurred in the proposal for a Joint Convention.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The following paper from the

Senate was taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Sumner Sewall and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years of 1943 and 1944 (S. P. 13)

Came from the Senate read and passed, and with the following members appointed on its part: Messrs. Dow of Oxford, Woodbury of Waldo, Megill of Kennebec.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence, and the Chair appointed the following members on the part of the House: Messrs. Jacobs of Auburn, Libby of Caribou, Day of Durham, Cross of Augusta, Rollins of Greenville, Osgood of Bradford, Donahue of Biddeford.

Subsequently, Mr. Jacobs, for the committee, reported that the committee had attended to its duty and informed the Hon. Sumner Sewall that he had been elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 1943 and 1944.

The **SPEAKER**: The House is proceeding under Orders.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Miss Clough.

On motion by Miss Clough, it was **ORDERED**, that the Speaker of the House be authorized to control the use of the hall of the House when the House is not in session unless the House shall otherwise order.

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

Mr. **SLEEPER**: Mr. Speaker, I wish to present several orders that have to do with the operation of this House and urge their consideration.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that each member and officer of the House be furnished with one copy each of two daily newspapers published in the State to be selected by them.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that the Bureau of Purchase be directed to furnish on requisition of the Clerk of the

House, such stationery, office supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the House.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be and hereby is authorized and directed to furnish to each member of the House of Representatives who was not a member of the 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th or 90th Legislatures one copy of the Revised Statutes.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to secure uniforms for the subordinate officers of the House.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of State be authorized and directed to furnish the Clerk of the House with three copies of the Revised Statutes of 1930, and three copies of the Public Laws of the regular and special sessions subsequent thereto.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member at the opening of each daily session.

The following Communication: (H. P. 2)

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY
Department of Attorney General
Augusta

January 7, 1943
To the Honorable Senate and
House of Representatives
91st Maine Legislature

Pursuant to Article V, Part 4, Section 2 of the Constitution, I am transmitting herewith, two bonds of the Honorable Joseph H. McGillicuddy, Treasurer of State, each in the amount of \$75,000, each bearing date January 6, 1943, one written by the Standard Accident Insurance Company and the other written by Maryland Casualty Company, and

each being payable to the State of Maine.

These bonds bear my approval as to form and I recommend them for approval by the Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) FRANK I. COWAN
Attorney General

The communication was received out of order and under suspension of the rules, ordered placed on file and sent up for concurrence.

Miss Clough of Bangor, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the two bonds of Hon. Joseph H. McGillicuddy, Treasurer of State, each in the amount of \$75,000, each bearing date January 6, 1943, one written by the Standard Accident Insurance Company and the other written by Maryland Casualty Company, and each being payable to the State of Maine; and each bearing the certificate of approval of the Attorney General; be and hereby are approved.

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

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

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 12, 1943, at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 15)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Report: (S. P. 17)

STATE OF MAINE

The Joint Select Committee of the Ninety-first Legislature on returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years 1943 and 1944, has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the whole number of votes returned for Governor was 176,605; and that Sumner Sewall of Bath had 118,047 votes; and that

George W. Lane Jr. of Auburn had 58,558 votes.

(Signed) LINCOLN C. CLEMENT
Chairman on part of Senate.

EMMETT W. RANKIN
Chairman on part of House.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

At this point the Senate entered the Hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION

The President of the Senate in the Chair.

On motion by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that the rules be suspended by unanimous consent, and that a message be sent to the Councillors-elect, informing them that the two branches of the Legislature are in convention assembled ready to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Chairman appointed as such Committee, Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland.

Subsequently that Senator reported that he had performed the duty assigned him and that the Councillors-elect would attend forthwith.

The **CHAIRMAN**: The Chair would like to take advantage of this moment to have presented a distinguished gentleman who is here for a rare occasion, and he would ask the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, to present this gentleman.

Mr. **BARNES**: Mr. Chairman, fifty years ago at the session of the Legislature a young man came to the Senate from Aroostook County. That is a long while ago, and today he is back here. Meanwhile he has served from 1921 to 1925 as Attorney General of this State. I present to you the Honorable Ransford W. Shaw, of Houlton.

Thereupon, the Hon. Ransford W. Shaw was conducted to the rostrum, by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House, and was welcomed by the Chairman of the Convention.

The Councillors-elect, the Honorable George J. Wentworth, Arthur G. Spear, Charles M. Day, Earl Fen-

lason, Clarence A. Race, John W. Leland and Clarence B. Beckett, then entered the hall and in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, in convention assembled, before the President of the Senate, the Honorable Horace A. Hildreth, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councilors then withdrew amid the applause of the Convention.

On motion by Senator Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that a committee of ten be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Justices of the Superior Court of this State, inviting them to attend this convention convened for the purpose of administering to the Honorable Sumner Sewall, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Chairman appointed as such committee:

Senators: Friend of Somerset, Harvey of York, Emery of Hancock.

Representatives: Payson of Portland, Grua of Livermore Falls, Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, Robinson of Brewer, Barnes of Houlton, Maxwell of Bangor.

Senator Friend for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned it, and that the Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and Justices of the Superior Court were pleased to say they would forthwith attend this convention.

Thereupon, at the request of the Chairman, the Committee escorted the Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Justices of the Superior Court to the Convention Hall.

On motion by Senator Varney of York, it was

ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon Honorable Sumner Sewall, Governor-elect, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official

duties, and receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman appointed as such committee:

Senators: Varney of York, Bishop of Sagadahoc, Dunbar of Washington.

Representatives: Sleeper of Rockland, Clough of Bangor, Doughty of Gray, Littlefield of Alfred, Pelletier of Sanford, Bernier of Lewiston.

Senator Varney for the Committee subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duties assigned it, and the Governor-elect was pleased to say that he was ready to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office and would forthwith attend the Convention.

Thereupon, the Honorable Sumner Sewall, Governor-elect, escorted by Honorable Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State, and attended by the Governor's Staff, the Executive Council, Ex-Governor Honorable Percival P. Baxter, the Right Reverend Oliver L. Loring, Bishop of the Diocese of Maine, and the Department Heads, entered the hall of the House amid prolonged applause, the members rising.

Prayer was offered by the Right Reverend Oliver L. Loring, Bishop of the Diocese of Maine.

Thereupon, the Governor-elect, before the presiding officer of the Convention, the Honorable Horace A. Hildreth, in the presence of both branches of the Legislature and the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Justices of the Superior Court of this State, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary of State, the Honorable Harold I. Goss, then made proclamation as follows:

PROCLAMATION

The votes given in on the 14th day of September last, in the cities, towns and plantations of the State for Governor, the returns of which have been made to the office of the Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature which has declared that a plurality thereof was given to Sumner Sewall, and that he is duly elected, and he, having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify

him to discharge the duties of that office, I, therefore, declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that Sumner Sewall is Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his acts and commands as such.

God Save the State of Maine

Thereupon, the Chairman of the Convention presented Governor Sewall to the Convention, the audience rising and applauding.

The Governor addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President and Members of the 91st Legislature:

You and I meet here today as the elected representatives of the sovereign people of the State of Maine.

As citizens of the United States we are waging world-wide war to defend the right of free representative government which we exercise in this hall today.

To give honest, courageous and effective expression to this great right is now our solemn duty.

Military Defense

It was two and a half years ago that the 89th Legislature, acting with true vision, provided authority and funds to aid in modernizing our State military defense structure. Maine municipalities thus were enabled to arrange with the Federal Government for the construction of 22 magnificent airports. No section of the nation is now more adequately prepared than Maine for the operation of our growing military air power.

In war these airports are "air-ports" of the first magnitude. In peace they will serve as safe harbors on the newly-discovered global ocean of the air and will assure Maine her rightful place in the vast air commerce of the coming era.

State Guard

When our National Guard units were inducted into Federal service it was decided to replace them in part by organizing the Maine State Guard. This guard now has an enlisted strength of 1,000 regular officers and men, with approximately another thousand in organized reserves.

The problem of adequately equipping these units for service has been extremely difficult. Long-range

rifles issued by the Federal Government when the guard was formed were recalled suddenly six months ago and replaced by short-range shotguns. Trucks and other equipment long on order by the State have been withheld by Federal agencies. Several of the reserve units have expressed the desire to be made part of the regular guard, but it would seem wise to postpone such action until the equipment problem can be satisfactorily solved.

Every citizen of Maine should be proud of the work of these officers and men. By their unselfish service our security is strengthened.

Civilian Defense

One year ago, in special session, the 90th Legislature granted to the Executive certain broad emergency powers to organize and train the forces of civilian defense and to meet the exigencies of war.

I am glad to report that there are approximately 100,000 Maine citizens now trained and on volunteer duty in the various activities of Civilian Defense. All counties, all cities and most towns are organized and are perfecting their work through practice.

Under the emergency powers granted, twenty Executive Orders having the effect of law have been issued. Copies of these will be made available to you forthwith by separate communication.

With the approval of the Council \$225,875 has been allotted from the Emergency War Fund, a detailed accounting of which will be submitted also by separate communication.

Of this amount, approximately \$200,000 has been spent to date, which represents the total cost to the State of all activities undertaken by authority of the civilian defense and emergency war fund laws.

The splendid cooperation rendered by our municipalities and the magnificent volunteer spirit shown by our citizens have been tremendously helpful in controlling the State costs of civilian defense and the various war agencies.

We must be mindful, however, that the war still rages on, that we have been fortunate so far in not having suffered attack and that there is evidence that a measure of the striking power of the German air force has been mysteriously ab-

sent from all active fronts for well over a year.

Finance

The finances of our State government are currently in good condition. During the past fiscal year our general fund increased, our bonded debt decreased and our cash position improve.

This happy result was made possible in large measure by the forthright and courageous manner with which the 90th Legislature met the problems which confronted it.

We now have problems of a different nature, but I am confident that these can be solved with equal success.

Assistance

The rapid rise in the cost of living has brought tremendous problems, the impact of which on the many activities of State government has been severe.

Assistance which formerly seemed adequate for dependent children, the blind and the aged now demands review and revision. While broader opportunity for work has made it possible to reduce substantially certain of our relief expenditures, increased cost of food, fuel and clothing must be recognized in a fair and human administration of our social security laws.

It would seem desirable, therefore, that our old age assistance statute be liberalized at this time so that Federal participation in benefits in excess of \$30 per month may be made available to our aged. I also urge that larger provision be made for aid to dependent children which is an activity supported by State, Federal and municipal funds and which serves the very heart of an enlightened democracy.

Education

We should be happy in the thought that we are helping our less fortunate and dependent citizens, but we must be ever mindful of our duty to increase the independence of our future citizens.

We all want our children to be well educated, to be given good primary training, to be taught in the ways of the modern world, to be made curious in the new sciences and conscious of the new geography developing daily in the war. We want them to come from our schools with an understanding as to the responsibilities of democracy and enlightened as to the peoples of other

nations. In short, we want them to be good citizens of our country and of the world.

We like to feel, possibly, that we as parents are helping actively along these lines. In our busy lives, however, are we not actually relying largely on our schools to carry out this vital program?

We expect our teachers to be alert, well-trained, and intelligent in these matters, and we want them to be patient and understanding with our children. Theirs is obviously a tremendous responsibility,—for which many of them receive distressingly low salaries.

While this condition has prevailed over an extended period, the rapid rise in the cost of living makes it imperative that corrective action be taken now.

Under our present system we are expending substantial sums in training Maine citizens to teach in Maine schools and then losing them to other states by the attraction of higher pay. This is neither good business nor good government.

Legislation will be proposed at this session to provide effective help toward the solution of this problem and to benefit every school in Maine.

This is a situation which demands our immediate attention and substantial assistance.

State Employees

The matter of adjusting the pay and salaries of State employees to meet current conditions demands your very thoughtful attention.

Every possible effort has been made to meet this situation within the present framework of appropriations and law. The fact is, however, that during the past two years the average weekly salary of all regular State employees has been increased from \$22.86 to \$25.47. This represents an increase of 11 per cent, which would seem sufficient neither to adjust for the rising cost of living nor to meet effectively the attraction of higher pay in private industry. I again would remind the Legislature of the cost to the State of losing trained personnel and of using inexperienced help.

In arriving at a fair wage for State employees as compared to others in civil and defense industries, the value of stability of employment, civil service protection and retirement benefits should be taken fully into account.

You will also want to bear in mind that during the last two years the number of State employees has been reduced by more than 300, effecting a saving to the State of more than \$300,000 annually.

Provision for pay increases has been made in the budget which will be presented to you shortly for consideration. Increases for the State Police must be provided by legislation, inasmuch as these rates of pay are fixed by law.

As a State we have been vitally interested in legislation aimed at assuring our workers in private industry an opportunity to make a reasonable living under satisfactory conditions. As an employer certainly we must be an example in fair and considerate treatment of our own employees.

You will recall that two years ago in my message to you I recommended that salary adjustments of department heads be reviewed and revised upward judiciously. It seemed clear to me then and it seems clearer to me now that there are inequities among certain of these, and that nearly all of them are too low for long-term effective results.

If we are to be of real assistance to our business men, our workers, our farmers and our fishermen in their efforts to produce the goods and food necessary for the winning of the war, we must make sure that we can continue to employ able administrators, experienced in their respective tasks.

There is hardly an essential activity of our business or private lives which is not now controlled, rationed or guided by Federal directive. To cooperate with the Federal war effort to the end of victory, and at the same time to protect our citizens against undue hardship or suffering, requires constant and intelligent attention by State government.

I shall be glad to discuss these ideas with the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

Administrative Efficiency

In the course of administering State government during the past two years, it has been apparent that many laws should be clarified and others enacted, in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State government.

Several of these already have been given consideration by your able

Recess Committee. All demand your very careful attention.

Provision should be made for increasing the working capital of the Liquor Commission.

The law controlling the sinking fund reserve should be amended to eliminate encumbered balances from this fund. Money in this account will thus be made available for debt retirement by action of the Governor and Council or for capital expenditure by action of the Legislature.

The law for bonding of State employees should be clarified.

The State Employees' Contributory Retirement law should be liberalized for those who served thirteen years or more under the old system.

The State Police retirement law requires adjustment to conform to present experience.

The Teachers' Contributory Retirement System Fund should be placed on a currently sound basis, and past deficits should be cleared up. While the promise to pay has been law since 1923, no appropriation has been made since 1933 to meet the rapidly growing obligation of the State to this fund.

I firmly believe that when the people of Maine make a promise they intend to fulfill it, and it is our duty to see that this integrity of thought is truly reflected in our laws.

A new wing to the State House was voted at the last Session. Because of the war, it was necessary to postpone construction. In an effort to provide reasonably adequate space to carry on during this emergency, some additional space has been leased in privately owned buildings in Augusta. The largest undertaking of this kind involved the lease of a fire-proof building on State Street a short distance from the State House. This lease contains a provision that the State may purchase this building for \$32,500. I recommend that you authorize such purchase as permanent quarters for the Motor Vehicle Division of the Secretary of State's Department.

A law permitting the purchase of short term Government bonds with surplus State funds would return better than \$30,000 a year.

Post-war Planning

The law of the Development Commission should be broadened to per-

mit true development activities and post-war planning.

Under present law the sole purpose and power of this commission is to advertise and bring to public notice the agricultural, industrial and recreational resources of our State. There is need for more active development of these resources. The work of the State geologist should be expanded and brought under the control of this commission. There is definite need for an agency to co-ordinate and prepare projects for post-war development.

There will come a time when peace returns and we may once again turn our energies to the building up of our State. New and greater opportunities for profitable work must be opened up for our citizens. New projects for health and recreation should be encouraged, promoted and constructed.

Military victory is to no avail if our sons return to a country without opportunity.

A society which permits millions of its citizens to go long unemployed does not long endure.

If full employment is a necessity of war it should certainly be the aim of peace.

The Budget

Although budget figures for the next two years have not yet been developed completely, I am glad to report that it now appears reasonable to expect we can make substantial progress along these lines within the present structure of our finances and without additional taxes. Detailed figures covering the costs of these various proposals and showing anticipated income with which to meet these expenditures will be set forth in the budget report.

Highways

Since Federal rationing of gasoline and tires, there has been a sharp reduction of highway revenues. Anticipating this loss, a law was passed at the last special session permitting the Highway Commission to curtail expenditures in such manner as to conserve funds and to permit the department to operate within available revenues.

Acting under the provisions of this law, highway costs for the current fiscal year have been cut to save \$4,645,000, which is approximately equal to estimated loss of highway revenues for this period.

Experience to date indicates that

the current level of revenues is barely sufficient to take care of interest payments, maturing bonds and minimum highway maintenance. Under the present set-up, therefore, it would appear necessary to provide money from the highway surplus account for snow clearance.

I would call to your attention, however, that the cost of snow clearance for the current winter and for the two winters of the coming biennium would exhaust substantially this surplus.

In view of this the Legislature might well consider refunding certain highway bond issues maturing during war years, in order to conserve funds for snow clearance. It would appear impossible to clear both the debt and the snow with present revenues. I recommend clearing the snow.

I would also remind the Legislature that the law permitting the Highway Department to curtail expenditures in accordance with receipts expires February 1 of this year. With conditions still uncertain, it would seem advisable to reenact this law.

Law Enforcement

While we are considering the enactment of new laws, let us not overlook the possibility that there may be laws now on our books which are no longer acceptable to our citizens.

The laws of democracy belong to the people, and it is our duty to see that they truly conform to the needs and wishes of the majority. If we are to run a responsible government, holding the respect of the people, all laws on the books must be of such acceptability as to permit reasonable enforcement, and sufficient provision must be made to support adequate enforcement agencies.

A Legislature which approves laws but denies enforcement is avoiding full responsibility.

An administration which takes the oath of office with mental reservations does not deserve, and can not long maintain, the respect of the people.

It is, therefore, of very real importance that you as representatives of the people place and leave on the books only those laws which you sincerely believe the administration can and should enforce.

Trustees

You and I are trustees at this time for a freedom and a kind of

government which has been obtained at the cost of tremendous human sacrifice in the past and is now being maintained by further sacrifices of our own sons of this generation.

To let deteriorate this right of free representative government would be to betray a trust. To build and strengthen it so that it may remain a symbol worth fighting for and a living force to help those who have preserved it, is the solemn duty of us who now remain at home. May God guide us in this sacred trust. (Prolonged applause.)

Governor Sewall and suite then retired amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The CHAIRMAN: The purposes for which this Convention was assembled having been accomplished, I now declare the Convention dissolved.

The Senate then retired, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

In the House

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The House is waiting for important papers from the Senate.

The House will be at ease until the sound of the gong.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the Governor's message and report a reference to several subjects to appropriate committees (S. P. 16)

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

Messrs: FARRIS of Kennebec
WORTHING of Penobscot
STERLING of Somerset

In the House, taken up out of order under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence, and the Chair appointed the following members on the part of the House:

Messrs: SLEEPER of Rockland
PAYSON of Portland
MURCHIE of Calais
JACOBS of Auburn
BROWN of Brunswick
DEAN of So. Portland
TOZIER of Fairfield

House at Ease

1.00 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

Is it the pleasure of the House to take up, out of order, additional papers from the Senate?

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, be authorized 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. 18)

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House jointly prepare the Senate and House Register, and that 5,000 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature (S. P. 2)

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation amounts included in fortnightly lists, certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, and that the final pay rolls at the end of the Session of such officers bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (S. P. 9)

From the Senate the following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, 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. 20)

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that free telephone services be pro-

vided for each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of 25 calls of reasonable duration from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House provide each member with a card to be certified to by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively, charge for this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph

Company at regular tariff rates (S. P. 22)

These Orders came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House the Orders were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sleeper of Rockland,

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 12th, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.