

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**  
**OF THE**  
**Ninety-first Legislature**

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**Special Session**

**April 17, 1944**

**HOUSE**

Wednesday, April 19, 1944.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Robert Heigham of Wiscasset.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

**House Reports of Committees  
Ought to Pass as Amended**

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944" (H. P. 1376) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1376 Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944".

Amend said Bill by striking out in the last line thereof the figure "\$12,000" and inserting in place thereof "\$14,000".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and under suspension of the rules the bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought Not to Pass**

Mr. Perkins from the Committees on Judiciary and Legal Affairs jointly reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Facilitate Voting by Duly Qualified Registered and Enrolled Voters in the Armed Forces of our Country, the Merchant Marine, and Other Services necessary to the Successful Prosecution of Wars against Germany and Japan" (H. P. 1377) (L. D. 918)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow.

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker, I note the presence in the House of the gentleman from Pownal, Mr. Tuttle.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pownal, Mr. Tuttle, will be

duly recorded as being in attendance at today's session.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bernier.

Mr. BERNIER: Mr. Speaker, I note the presence in the House of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Forgue, and I wish his name to be added to the roll call.

The SPEAKER: The name of Mr. Forgue will be added to the roll as present at today's session.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in recess until the sound of the gavel. This recess may possibly reach thirty minutes. In the meantime the members of the House will have an opportunity to study the bill which is now being distributed.

Papers from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules.

**Senate Committee Report**

From the Senate: Report of the Committees on Judiciary and Legal Affairs jointly on Bill "An Act to Facilitate Voting by Men and Women Serving in, Connected with, or About to Become Members of the Armed Forces" (S. P. 506) (L. D. 917) reporting same in a new draft under title of "An Act to Facilitate Voting by Members of the Armed Forces of the United States" (S. P. 509) and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill given its three several readings under suspension of the rules and the new draft passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the Officers of the Senate and House of Representatives for salaries, the amounts included in lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (S. P. 510)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

**House at Ease**

Called to order by the Speaker.

**Passed to Be Enacted  
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Provide Monies for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944 (H. P. 1376)

The SPEAKER: This bill, having had its three several readings in the House and having been passed to be engrossed, having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it pass to be enacted?

This being an emergency measure, under the Constitution it requires for its passage the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected membership of this House. All those in favor of the passage of this bill to be enacted will rise and stand in their places until counted, and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and twenty-six having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, 126 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House, the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Facilitate Voting by Members of the Armed Forces of the United States (S. P. 509) (L. D. 919)

The SPEAKER: This bill, having had its three several readings in the House and having been passed to be engrossed, having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it pass to be enacted?

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One hundred and twenty-seven having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, 127 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House, the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Additional paper from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules.

**Final Reports**

From the Senate: Final Reports of the Committee on Judiciary, Committee on Legal Affairs and Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, reporting that they have acted upon all matters referred to them at this special session.

Came from the Senate, Reports read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

**House at Ease**

Called to order by the Speaker.

A message was received from the Senate, through Senator McGlaulin of Cumberland, informing the House that the Senate had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, I move that a message be conveyed to the Senate, informing that Honorable Body that this Honorable House has transacted all business before it and is now ready to adjourn without day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, moves that a message be conveyed to the Senate, informing that Honorable Body that the House has transacted all business before it and is now ready to adjourn without day. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair appoints the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, to convey the message to the Senate and instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to conduct that gentleman to the Senate Chamber.

Subsequently Mr. Perkins reported that he had conveyed the message with which he was charged to the Senate.

**Paper from the Senate**  
(Out of Order)

From the Senate: The following Order:

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 Governor and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them and are ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

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

VARNEY of York  
GOOD of Aroostook  
CLEMENT of Androscoggin

In the House, was received out of order and under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence, and the Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House:

Messrs. ELA of No. Anson  
ROLLINS of Greenville  
ESTABROOK of Stacyville  
CLEAVES of Portland  
CROSBY of Farmington  
DONAHUE of Biddeford  
GRENIER of Lewiston

Subsequently, Mr. Ela, for the committee, reported that the committee had attended to its duties and begged leave to report that the Governor was pleased to say that he would transmit a message to the House forthwith.

From the Senate: The following Communication:

**STATE OF MAINE**  
Executive Department  
Augusta

April 19, 1944.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am happy to report that I have signed the three bills which you have enacted at this Special Session.

By the passage of the soldier-vote bill our purpose in meeting has been accomplished.

By accepting a further gift of land from former Governor Baxter our park facilities have been advanced for all future times.

The careful and expeditious manner with which you have attended to these legislative matters merits the appreciation of the citizens of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) SUMNER SEWALL

Governor.

Comes from the Senate, in that body read and placed on file.

In the House, the communication was read and placed on file in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: In accordance with time honored custom, the Chair recognizes the senior member of the House, the gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan.

Mr. FORHAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House now adjourn sine die.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan, moves that the House adjourn without day. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and, at 12.14 P. M., Wednesday, April 19th, the House so adjourned.