

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**  
of the  
**Ninety-first Legislature**

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**Second Special Session**

**September 18, 1944**

**HOUSE**

Tuesday, September 19, 1944.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hughes of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that one thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed. (S. P. 514)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of 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. (S. P. 515)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

**Bill and Resolves Requiring Reference**

The following Bill and Resolves were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30 1945" (H. P. 1379) (Presented by Mr. Murchie of Calais)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Pownal State School**

Resolve providing for Certain Construction at the Pownal State School (H. P. 1380) (Presented by Miss Clough of Bangor)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Education**

Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Tuition for Pupils Attending Approved Secondary Schools" (H. P. 1381) (Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Clough of

Bangor, the Bill and Resolves were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Teel of Long Island Plantation, be excused during this special session because of business.

On motion by Mr. Rollins of Greenville, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Burton of Orneville, be excused from attendance during this special session because of illness.

**Orders of the Day**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the presence this morning of the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Pascucci, and the gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Stillings. If there is no objection, their names will be listed as present.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Miss Clough, moves that the House recess until one-half hour or until the sound of the gavel.

**After Recess—11.14 A. M.**

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, out of order and under suspension of the rules I ask permission to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, in order to expedite the work of this session and get through as quickly as possible, I move that Rule 47 of the House Rules be suspended, and that by the unanimous consent of the House the Clerk be directed to take all bills from the hopper at this time, to present to the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, moves that House Rule 47 be suspended and that by unanimous consent the Clerk be instructed to take from the hopper all bills that have been dropped in that receptacle at this time.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman

from Portland, Mr. Payson, now moves that the bills be presented to the House at this time.

Thereupon, the following Bills were received out of order and under suspension of the rules, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

#### **Banks and Banking**

Bill "An Act Authorizing Savings Banks, Loan and Building Associations and Trust Companies to Make Mortgage Loans under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" (H. P. 1382) (Presented by Mr. Flagg of Portland.)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Education**

Bill "An Act relating to School Unions" (H. P. 1383) (Presented by Mr. Donahue of Biddeford)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Establish a South Portland Park and Recreation Commission" (H. P. 1384) (Presented by Mr. Dean of South Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Military Affairs and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Aid Returning Veterans (H. P. 1385) (Presented by Mr. Donahue of Biddeford)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, the Bills were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

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

**ORDERED**, that the Attorney-General is hereby directed to make an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the care, custody and control of the late Wilbur Stanton, formerly of Windham, during the period of his confinement at the Augusta State Hospital, from August 15th to the time of his death, and make his report thereof available to any member of the Legislature.

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

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 530)

#### **MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

September 19, 1944

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-first Legislature, met in Special Session:

The Maine Development Commission transmits herewith, a second progress report on post-war planning.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Everett F. Greaton,

Executive Secretary

Came from the Senate, ordered placed on file.

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

From the Senate: The following Orders:

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of ten (10) calls, of reasonable duration from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member and officer 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. 522)

From the Senate: The following Order:

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that all excess copies of the paper bound 1944 revision be turned over to the revisor of statutes for research purposes (S. P. 521).

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

The **SPEAKER**: The House has now disposed of all matters before it, and it may be necessary to recess for a few moments until the House receives some additional papers from the Senate.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor,

Recessed until the sound of the gavel.

#### **After Recess—12 o'clock**

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:

From the Senate: Bill "An Act appropriating Moneys to provide for Carrying on the Activity of Aid to Dependent Children for the Remaining Months of the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1945 (S. P. 526)

Resolve appropriating Money for the Completion of the Eighth Revision of the Public Laws (S. P. 525)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Amend Chapter 76 of the Private and Special Laws of 1941 providing for a State Office Building Authority" (S. P. 527)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Withholding of the Federal Income Tax" (S. P. 528)

Bill "An Act providing for Sale and Distribution of Revised Statutes" (S. P. 529)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Repeal the Acts Consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four" (S. P. 524)

Came from the Senate received by unanimous consent, given its several readings under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

In the House, the Bill was received by unanimous consent, given its three several readings under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Revision of Statutes (S. P. 512) (L. D. 920)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Public Laws of the State" (S. P. 523)

Came from the Senate received by unanimous consent, given its several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

In the House, received by unanimous consent, given its three several readings under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve providing for Certain Construction of Fish Hatcheries and Rearing Stations" (S. P. 518) (L. D. 921)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committees on Inland Fisheries and Game and Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly.

In the House, referred to the Committees on Inland Fisheries and Game and Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legislature" (S. P. 519) (L. D. 922)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees 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 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. 531)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill or resolve be hereafter received at this Special Session unless by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced, except such as pertain to:

Revision of Statutes and their sale and distribution

Construction at the Pownal State School

Fish Rearing Stations  
State Office Building Authority  
AND IT WAS FURTHER OR-

DERED, the House concurring, that any bill or resolve which shall be received in either branch of this Legislature by unanimous consent shall be referred to the 92nd Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence. These Orders shall not apply to such bills or resolves as are intended only to facilitate the business of the 91st Legislature. (S. P. 536)

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.

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

ORDERED, that Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, be excused from attendance during this special session because of business.

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

ORDERED, that Mary E. Gray of Old Orchard be appointed official reporter of the House and that Vaughn Robinson of Augusta be assistant reporter during this special session.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the Senate and House have acted on all matters before them; all papers have been exchanged.

From this point on it seems obvious that the House must await such time as the committees have had time to hold public hearings. That being true, it seems wise that the House adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The Chair will also state that

there will be no business to transact at the morning session, but in view of the fact that the House might possibly be faced with some emergency whereby it became necessary to have the Legislature in session, the Chair believes 9:30 is the proper hour, and that all committees should make plans to hold committee hearings at ten o'clock, in order that the House may be ready late tomorrow afternoon to act upon these matters as the committees refer them back to the two branches.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Miss Clough.

Miss CLOUGH: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire before we adjourn, if any committee hearings have been advertised for today.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk has one notice that he will read at this time.

The CLERK: (Reading) There will be a joint meeting of the Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Inland Fisheries and Game this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presumes this is for a hearing. The Chair would inquire of the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Murchie, if this is right.

Mr. MURCHIE: Mr. Speaker, I would say that I have not been able to contact the Senate chairman, but I presume a hearing will be held this afternoon. I feel the need of getting the committees together and getting things started. I think that will answer the question.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor,

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.