

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SENATE

Wednesday, January 26, 1949.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Martin Storms of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House, referred in concurrence.

### From the House

Bill "An Act Relating to the Gasoline Tax" (H. P. 245) (L. D. 78) comes from the House referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the Senate:

Mr. CROSBY of Franklin: Mr. President, I move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation. In explanation of my motion, I would say that this is a bill relative to gasoline tax and a considerable part of the bill refers to highways. However, with so many people interested in the tax angle, it seemed advisable to have one hearing on gasoline tax items and with the approval of the Committee on Reference of Bills, and the sponsor of this bill, I have made this motion.

Thereupon, the bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation, in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Referred to Committee

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

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to State Owned Delinquent Tax Lands Accounts." (S. P. 110)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Relating to Impounded Bank Accounts of Certain Trust Funds" (S. P. 111)

Mr. Baker of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Refunding to Towns

Fees of Retail Liquor Licenses." (S. P. 112)

(Each ordered printed)  
Sent down for concurrence.

### Claims

Mr. Larrabee of Sagadahoc presented "Resolve in Favor of Ernest Brown, of Bath." (S. P. 113)

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented "Resolve in Favor of Andre Pelletier, of St. Basile Mad., New Brunswick." (S. P. 114)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Labor

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act to Provide for Equal Pay for Equal Work." (S. P. 115)

(Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Mr. Larrabee of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Woolwich School District." (S. P. 116)

(Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

### Pensions

Mr. Varney of Washington presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lucy Leigh Fish, of Jonesboro." (S. P. 117)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Elizabeth Fish, 2nd, of Jonesboro." (S. P. 118)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Public Utilities

Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Fares Between the Westerly End of Peaks Island and Portland." (S. P. 119)

Mr. Savage of Somerset presented Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water Company." (S. P. 120)

(Each ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Baker of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Deputy Sheriffs." (S. P. 121)

(Ordered printed.)  
Sent down for concurrence.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Sleeper of Knox presented Bill "An Act to Clarify and Simplify the Sea and Shore Fisheries Law." (S. P. 122)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to State Owned Cars for Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries." (S. P. 123)

Mr. Noyes of Hancock presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission." (S. P. 124)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Welfare

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind." (S. P. 125)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Veteran's Permit to Hunt and Fish Free," (S. P. 46) (L. D. 28) reported that the same ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Baker of Kennebec, tabled pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. Ela from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to a Non-resident Fishing License," (S. P. 34) (L. D. 7) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 126) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I note that this bill has been reported out of committee in new draft. I therefore move that it be laid upon the table and that it be printed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that these bills are always laid upon the table pending the printing of the new draft.

Mr. SLOCUM: Well, Mr. President, if we accept the report of the committee before the bill is printed

we will then have sent it along one step toward enactment before we have seen the new draft.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that the report would be accepted subject to the acceptance of the new draft.

Mr. SLOCUM: Mr. President, I will withdraw my motion.

Thereupon, the report was read and accepted and the bill laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby bill, An Act for the Assessment of a State Tax for the year 1949 and for the year 1950 (H. P. 250) (L. D. 79) was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table pending reference to a committee.

The PRESIDENT: For the information of the Senators, the Chair will inform the Senate that we are about to be honored by the presence of Apple Annie and her Court. There seems to be a little delay so if the members of the Senate will kindly stay within the sound of the gavel, the Senate may be at ease.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notes the presence in the Senate of Maine's Apple Annie for 1949 and will ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to conduct her to the rostrum.

This was done, the Senate rising and applauding.

The PRESIDENT: Members of the Senate, I would like to present Miss Arlene L. White of Clinton, Apple Annie for Maine for the year 1949.

Samples of Maine grown apples and "Apple Sparkle" were then distributed to the members and officers of the Senate by Apple Annie and her Court.

The PRESIDENT: I am sure that, speaking for the Senate, we are all deeply indebted to the young ladies for bringing to our attention the fact that Maine's apples and apple products are the best in the

United States. Nothing is ever superior to Maine.

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.