

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*Ninety-Fourth Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1949

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**SENATE**

Thursday, January 27, 1949.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Ondon C. Stairs of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

**From the House**

Joint Order (S. P. 76) Relating to Free Telegraph Service to Members of the Legislature.

(In the Senate on January 19th the order received passage.)

Comes from the House, passed as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to recede from its former action taken on January 19th whereby the order received passage, and concur with the House in the adoption of House Amendment A, and the passage of the order as amended, in concurrence.

**Communication****STATE OF MAINE**

House of Representatives

Office of the Clerk

Augusta

January 20, 1949

Honorable Chester T. Winslow  
Secretary of the Senate of the 94th  
Legislature

Sir:

Pursuant to Joint Order relative to Need for Revision of the Constitution of the State of Maine (H. P. 17) which was passed in both branches of this Legislature, the Speaker of the House appointed today the following members:

Messrs. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth  
CAMPBELL of Augusta  
BROWN of Unity  
SARGENT of Bucksport

Mrs. FAY of Portland  
Messrs. MUSKIE of Waterville  
TYLER of Farmington

Respectfully,

HARVEY R. PEASE

Clerk of the House

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

**Referred to Committees**

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 to Construct a Bridge Between Milford and Indian Island." (S. P. 127)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Claims**

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented "Resolve in Favor of Ernest Libby of Portland." (S. P. 128)

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented "Resolve in Favor of Rosaire Cliche of Lewiston." (S. P. 129)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Education**

Mr. Edwards of Oxford presented Bill "An Act Relating to Apportionments from School Funds." (S. P. 130)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Federal Relations**

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Concerning Harbor or River Improvements and Protection of Property Against Floods or Erosion." (S. P. 131)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses." (S. P. 132)

Mr. Noyes of Hancock presented "Resolve Regulating Fishing in

Morancy Pond, in the County of Hancock." (S. P. 133)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Order of Names on Primary Ballots." (S. P. 134)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Failure to Vote." (S. P. 135)

(On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Poll-Tax." (S. P. 136)

(On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Voting." (S. P. 137)

(On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Re-Registration of Voters." (S. P. 138)

(On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

(Each ordered printed.)

### Pensions

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of Merlin C. Joy, of Clinton." (S. P. 139)

(On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of Milton A. Philbrook, of Westbrook." (S. P. 140)

(On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of Ralph L. Hunt of Thomaston." (S. P. 141)

(On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, tabled pending reference to a committee.)

### Claims

Mr. Edwards of Oxford presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Essie Cotton of Norway." (S. P. 142)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bertha F. Foster of Norway." (S. P. 143)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Public Utilities

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented

Bill "An Act Relating to the Caribou Utilities District." (S. P. 144)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec presented

Bill "An Act Relating to Boards of Registration." (S. P. 145)

Mr. Sleeper of Knox presented "Resolve Relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts in Knox County." (S. P. 146)

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented

Bill "An Act Relating to Court Stenographers." (S. P. 147)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Taxation

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented

Bill "An Act Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes." (S. P. 148)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### University of Maine

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Trustees of the University of Maine to Convey Certain Land in the City of Old Town and in Town of Chapman." (S. P. 149)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Ways and Bridges

Mr. Smart of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of the City of Ellsworth." (S. P. 150)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bucksport." (S. P. 151)

Mr. Noyes of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Gouldsboro." (S. P. 152)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sullivan." (S. P. 153)

Mr. Smart of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Brooklin." (S. P. 154)

Mr. Varney of Washington presented

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Jonesboro." (S. P. 155)

Sent down for currence.

#### Welfare

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Dependent Children." (S. P. 156)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Cost of Maintaining Patients at Hospitals for the Insane," (S. P. 58) (L. D. 34) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Ward from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Ballots in Elections," (S. P. 47) (L. D. 29) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill read once; Committee Amendment "A" was read:

"Committee Amendment A (S. P. 47) (L. D. 29). Amend said bill by striking out all after the check mark in the tenth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words: 'and on the ballot shall be printed such words as will aid the voters to do this "vote for not more than one," "vote for not more than two" and the like.'

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

#### Emergency Measure

Bill "An Act Increasing Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind." (S. P. 37) (L. D. 9)

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, and none opposed was passed to be enacted.

#### 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 Relating to Dog License Fees (H. P. 324) (L. D. 115) was referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was referred to the Committee On Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Baker of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report Ought Not to Pass from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill An Act Relating to Veterans' Permit to Hunt and Fish Free (S. P. 46) (L. D. 28) tabled by that Senator on January 26 pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. BAKER of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, it was my intention to offer an amendment to this bill which I hoped would meet with the approval of the committee. However, I feel that the amendment is considerably different from this bill and perhaps in one sense of the word is a new bill in itself, and with the intention of offering a new bill covering the subject matter contained in my bill to a certain extent, I move the acceptance of the report.

Thereupon, the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee was accepted.

Mr. Brown of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. BROWN of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate, as you know from the press, two of us were selected by the Governor to go to Washington to join with the Maine delegation which was to go before the International Joint Commission on Passamaquoddy. We went to Washington as requested, and met with the delegation from this state at a conference in Mr. Brewster's office at nine o'clock Monday morning. We went all over the program which might be put before the International Joint Commission in the afternoon. All of our delegation was present together with two Canadian representatives from New Brunswick and many others interested in the project. We went before the International Joint Commission, composed of three members of the U. S. Senate and two Canadian representatives on the commission, Mr. Spence and Mr. Glynn. The entire Maine delegation was there, the army officers who were connected with the project and went down there ten years ago, General Fleming and General Casey and Mr. Pike, of course, was with them in that survey, also Mr. Roach who is now in Washington and had charge of Quoddy village up to two or three months ago.

The purpose of the conference, as you have read in the papers, was to determine if possible the cost of a survey of the Canadian end of this project. We have the American end.

Some of the work was already done but Mr. Cooper only made small surveys when he had Canadian consent and did not get any borings or other necessary information that we would need if we get into this project and that is what we would ask the International Joint Commission, to hear us in regard to the furtherance of this international project which we believe will be a thorough economic success if completed.

The plan of the conference at this time, as Congressman Fellows said is first to determine the cost

and they asked the army officers—of course our delegation has approved the movement—we asked the army officers for their opinion as to what the cost might be of this particular survey that we were called to Washington at this time to determine. Both General Casey and General Fleming who were there at Quoddy for a year and a half, thought that the cost would be about sixty thousand dollars to have this preliminary survey, bring in some experts, engineers, and so forth, to determine if possible the cost of a real survey on the Canadian end of this project. The Canadian delegates on the commission said they had the money all ready to go ahead, and as our chairman, Mr. Stone said, we didn't have any money on our side to go into this particular project at this time. He felt embarrassed because we always think Canada is a poor country and had felt that they couldn't put any money into it, and he was embarrassed because the Canadians said they had the money at this time.

The result was that it was left with our delegation, Senators and Congressmen, to get our part of this money which I feel sure will be coming along as soon as the committees meet around the first of February.

I could go along and furnish you with quite a lot of material of what happened there but I will just say that in my judgment the things we ask for in connection with the survey were well taken care of and the survey will prove very satisfactory in the future.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate thanks Senator Brown for this information. We are all interested in this project.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table the following bills:

Bill, An Act Relating to Penalty for Failure to Vote (S. P. 135)

Bill, An Act Relating to the Poll-tax (S. P. 136)

Bill, An Act Relating to Voting (S. P. 137)

Bill, An Act Relating to Re-Registration of Voters (S. P. 138) severally tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending reference to a committee.

Thereupon, on further motion by the same Senator, the three several

bills were referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.