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OF THE

Ninety-Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Monday, February 6, 1950

In compliance with a Proclamation of His Excellency, the Governor, Frederick G. Payne, the Senators convened in the Senate Chamber at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Wesley U. Riedel of Augusta.

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the Proclamation:

STATE OF MAINE**Proclamation by the Governor**

WHEREAS, it appears advisable that the Legislature of this State should meet in special session for the following purposes:

To consider legislation relative to supplementary appropriations for state subsidies to municipalities as administered by the Department of Education under existing laws.

To consider legislation relative to supplementary appropriations for the assistance programs as administered by the Department of Health and Welfare under existing laws.

To act upon any legislation to promote the welfare of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FREDERICK G. PAYNE, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol at Augusta on Monday, the sixth day of February 1950 at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon in order to receive such communication as may then be made to them and to consider and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this 18th day of January in the (SEAL) year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and

Fifty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth.

FREDERICK G. PAYNE
Governor

By the Governor

Harold I. Goss

Secretary of State

Which was ordered placed on file.

The roll being called, the following Senators responded to their names:

Allen, Baker, Barnes, Batchelder, Boucher, Boutin, Bowker, Brewer, Brown, Cobb, Collins, Crosby, Cross, Denny, Edwards, Ela, Goodwin, Greeley, Haskell, Hopkins, Knights, Larrabee, Leavitt, McKusick, Noyes, Savage, Sleeper, Slocum, Smart, Turgeon, Varney, Ward, Williams.

33 Senators having answered to the roll call, the President declared that a quorum was present.

The PRESIDENT: Fellow Senators, it is a personal privilege to me to look once again upon your faces in semi-circle and I would like to say just a word which I think probably expresses the sentiment of all of us. We are back here in special session to do those things which we feel will benefit the most people in the State of Maine.

Of necessity this special session will probably be limited and I feel in justice to you all that I would like to make a statement from the Chair. In special sessions, as you know, sometimes short cuts are necessary and sometimes bills seem to be hurried along but I do want you to feel that if there is anything the Chair tries to do to expedite matters of this session that appear to be arbitrary or that in your opinion seem to hurry things too much, the Chair will be very pleased if you will call it to his attention. With this assurance, I am sure you all know me too well to feel that anything will be, as we say, "put over" on the Senate.

I will pledge my utter cooperation to you all to see that matters are properly expedited and I shall expect the same cooperation from you. Thank you very much.

The Chair awaits the pleasure of the Senate.

Order
(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the House of Representatives informing that body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Harvey R. Pease, its Clerk, informing the Senate that a quorum of the Representatives is present for the consideration of such business as may come before that body.

Orders
(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Cobb of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to His Excellency, the Governor, informing him that in obedience to his Proclamation, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

The President appointed the following Senators:

Cobb of Oxford
Slocum of Cumberland
Brown of Washington

The Committee retired, and subsequently reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending an invitation to the Governor to attend the Convention and present such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Pease, its Clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition for a Joint Convention.

The Senate then proceeded to the House of Representatives where a Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention, see House Report.)

In the Senate

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Orders

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Knights of York, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as chaplains of the Senate during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that Charles P. Lyford of Augusta be appointed official Reporter of the Senate for the Special Session.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, that the Official Reporter of the Senate be authorized to procure the services of a type-writer operator and an assistant reporter during the Special Session.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to secure the services of three stenographers for the present session; one for the office of the President and two for the office of the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that one thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed. (S.P.707)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis, it was

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 forty-eight hours previous to the time when said rooms are to be used for that purpose. (S.P.708)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Larrabee of Sagadahoc, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred and twenty copies of the Legislative Record for the Special Session of 1950, convened on February 6, 1950, be printed and bound, one copy each for the Members of the Senate, House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and free distribution to libraries and state officials, and it was further ordered that three hundred and fifty copies of the Legislative Record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to members of the Legislative and the departments under the direction of the Document Clerk. (S.P. 709)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of fifteen (15) 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 the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively, of this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates. (S.P.710)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill or resolve be received at this special session unless by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced ex-

cept such as relate directly to the subject matters contained in the Governor's message of February 6, 1950, to the Legislature.

And it was further

ORDERED, the House concurring, that any bill or resolve which shall be received in either branch of this legislature by unanimous consent shall stand referred to the Ninety-fifth Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence. (S.P.711)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House be authorized to have immediately printed all bills and resolves deposited in their respective offices, when printing has been approved by the Committee on Reference of Bills. (S. P. 712)

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that of necessity we will probably be in and out of recess during the next few days awaiting papers from the other Branch. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Crosby.

Mr. CROSBY of Franklin: Mr. President, I have a bill to present which refers to a part of the Governor's message, "An Act Providing for the Reallocation of Part of the Betterment Appropriation in Favor of State Aid Highways."

I move the acceptance of this bill and that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and ordered printed.

The Secretary read the bill.

Thereupon, the bill was received and referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Ordered printed.

Sent forthwith to the House.

From the House:

The following bills were received out of order and under suspension of the rules, and referred to the following committees in concurrence:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Welfare, Education

Bill "An Act Relating to Elderly Teachers' Pensions." (H. P. 2125)

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies to Supplement Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Appropriate Monies for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1950 and June 30, 1951." (H. P. 2126)

Federal Relations

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Benefits Under Employment Security Law." (H. P. 2127)

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair will state that apparently there are no further matters to

come before us at this time, and apparently the interests of the Special Session will be served if we adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Also the Chair will state it is intended that there be meetings of several committees tomorrow morning at ten-thirty inasmuch as there will be practically nothing to come before us at the morning session. For the information of the Senate this is as far as I know, the situation for tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.