

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Ninety-Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Special Session, February 6, 1950

KENNEBEC JOURNAL COMPANY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Thursday, February 9, 1950

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

From the House

Out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Development Credit Corporation of Maine." (H. P. 2133)

(In Senate on February 8, 1950, passed to be engrossed, without reference to a committee, in concurrence.)

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate, the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Committee Reports

Mr. Batchelder from the Committee on Federal Relations submitted its Final Report.

Mr. Crosby from the Committee on Ways and Bridges submitted its Final Report.

Mr. Savage from the Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Welfare and Education, jointly, submitted its Final Report.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House**JOINT ORDER****(Out of Order)**

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that in view of the fact that there has been some criticism of this Legislature for not adjourning last night, there be made available to the members of both branches detailed information as to the per diem cost of this Special Session, including salaries of the members, compensation of officers and employees of the Legislature, and other expenses.

Comes from the House read and passed.

In the Senate:

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I rise to move passage of the order. I think it might be rather unusual because most of us realize that these facts or any other facts relating to the expenditure of public funds are available not only to the members of the legislature but are available to any interested citizen. So there can be no possible objection to that which by custom and by law is provided for with relation to any legislature.

I move the passage of this Joint Order in concurrence.

The motion prevailed and the Joint Order was passed in concurrence.

Orders**(Out of Order)**

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate has transacted all the business before it, and is ready to adjourn without day.

The President appointed Mr. Haskell of Penobscot to convey the message.

Subsequently that Senator reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Representative Brown of Unity that that body had transacted all the business before it, and was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, it was

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

The Chair appointed on the part of the Senate:

Senators: HASKELL of Penobscot
 BATCHELDER of York
 BOUTIN of Androscoggin

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

The Committee retired, and subsequently Mr. Haskell for the Committee reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would send a message forthwith.

STATE OF MAINE
Office of the Governor
Augusta

February 9, 1950

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The 94th Legislature is to be commended for the speedy and efficient manner in which it has enacted

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at this Special Session, all of which I have approved and signed.

It is my belief that the great majority of the citizens of Maine are grateful for the action taken by this Legislature in providing the necessary funds to enable the State to carry out its obligations to our cities and towns and people generally in the related problems of welfare and educational activities. It is believed that the action you have taken is constructive and in the best interest of sound and realistic government.

May I express to you my personal thanks for the co-operation you have given and extend to you all my best wishes for a pleasant and safe journey home.

Respectfully submitted,
 FREDERICK G. PAYNE

Which communication was read and placed on file.

Mr. KNIGHTS of York: Mr. President and Senators, a study of

the tomes that have to do with the traditions of the upper branches of the Maine Legislature reveals the somewhat surprising fact that custom has decreed that those members who have had the greater success in wrestling with Father Time and his murderous scythe, are given the honor of presenting for consideration the motion for the final adjournment of these powerful bodies.

Whether the privilege is an honor of great or little magnitude is a matter which will receive my prayerful consideration when I shall have returned to my natural habitat, the imperial empire of the County of York. I shall welcome the assistance of all who have a fixed determination to surrender to the undertaker only after determination, strategy and what-have-you have been exhausted to the uttermost.

Fellow Senators, with the order of final adjournment a reality, there passes from the scene one of our comrades, one who did not fall in honorable battle, but one whom the fates will reward with a promotion that he will deserve and will greatly honor; a man not only honored here but likewise by his legion of friends in York County; a man who has, and will always possess, the love and great affection of every member of the Maine Legislature.

Mr. President and Senators, may I be granted your indulgence to defer to your friend, and mine, the senior Senator from York, Senator Batchelder, to present the final motion for adjournment of this great and honorable Body.

Mr. BATCHELDER of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this comes to me as quite a surprise. I thank the members very much for this honor and my colleague from York County for surrendering the floor that I might say a few words. I have been in the legislature continuously since I first served in the House 14 years ago. Later I had the honor of being with this honorable body and have been here for the last five

sessions. It has given me an opportunity to not only meet a great many friends whom I have found have been very helpful in various ways but it has also been a great pleasure to have contact with members of both branches, and to be a member of this body.

Although I shall regret very much that I will not be back here at some later session yet I will always remember my membership with this body and my association with the various members. Although I

may sever my connection with this legislative body I shall always hold in high esteem the traditions of the State and its various members.

I wish to thank you all.

I now move, Mr. President, that this session stand adjourned without day.

Thereupon the President, Burton M. Cross, declared the Special Session of the 94th Legislature adjourned without day at 12.02 P.M. February 9, 1950.