

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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## HOUSE

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Thursday, January 15, 1953

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

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

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

The following Bill and two Resolves which were referred to the 96th Legislature by the 95th Legislature:

Bill "An Act relating to Officers and Employees of the Legislature" (S. P. 23)

Resolve providing for a Men's Dormitory at Gorham State Teachers' College (S. P. 22)

Resolve providing for a Classroom and Library Building at Farmington State Teachers' College (S. P. 24)

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

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

### Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills 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 Provide Additional State Office Space" (H. P. 22) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in Favor of Bosworth Memorial Association (H. P. 23) (Presented by Mr. Berry of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Construction of a Road and Terminal in City of Rockland (H. P. 24) (Presented by Mr. Low of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Claims

Resolve to reimburse the Town of Brooks for Pauper Claim (H. P. 25) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)  
Sent up for concurrence.

### Highways

Bill "An Act relating to the Marking of Moosehead Trail" (H. P. 26) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

### Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Fish from Moosehead Lake" (H. P. 27) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Greenville)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Requirements of Deeds" (H. P. 28) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris)  
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Liens on Logs, Lumber, Wood and Bark" (H. P. 29) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Robert W. Johnson of Rumford (H. P. 30) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Ferry between Indian Island and Old Town" (H. P. 31) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)  
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Financial Provisions of Rockland School District" (H. P. 32) (Presented by Mr. Low of Rockland)  
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Poland School District" (H. P. 33) (Presented by Mr. Scott of Wales)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes on Property Passing to Wife" (H. P. 34) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes on Joint Property" (H. P. 35) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Payment to Oxford County Law Library" (H. P. 36) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Speed of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 37) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Welfare

Bill "An Act relating to Divesting Property in Qualifications for Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 38) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Persons not Members of the Indian Tribes from the Reservations" (H. P. 39) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

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

From the Senate: The following Order:

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 20, 1953, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 38)

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 except as specifically provided for by the laws of the state, any and all expenses of this session of the 96th Legislature to be charged to State Account 2500, the Legislative Expense Account, shall be subject to prior approval of the

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the exercise of this responsibility, the Committee may grant to the officers of the Senate and House such authority as the Committee may wish, but in no case shall this delegated authority apply to payroll expenditures, and all legislative expenses shall bear Committee approval prior to the submission to the Controller for payment (S. P. 39)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Fuller of South Portland, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

**ORDERED**, that there be printed in pamphlet form 1000 copies of that part of the Legislative Record of January 14, 1953 which contains the Report of Stanley L. Bird, Esquire, Attorney for the Legislative Research Committee, to that Committee.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, presents an order and moves its passage. Is it the pleasure of the House that this order receive passage?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. **BURGESS**: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question of the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Fuller) through the Chair?

The **SPEAKER**: Does the Chair understand that the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, requests the privilege of asking the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, a question at this time?

Mr. **BURGESS**: That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, may ask his question and the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, may answer if he so desires.

Mr. **BURGESS**: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire what the cost of this order would be provided the order did receive a passage.

Mr. **FULLER**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The cost would be very minor and we talked it over and we thought there should be some extra copies of this report

printed, and we did not know at first whether we should have two hundred, five hundred or a thousand, but we figured that five hundred copies might cost \$40.00 and a thousand would not cost more than \$43.00.

As we all know, it does not cost much more to have one thousand copies of anything printed than it does for one or two hundred and so we thought that as it is hard to judge how many we will need or how much demand there will be for that report we thought we should have one thousand copies and I assure you that the bill is not going to be very large for the printing. I think probably our Clerk could answer that question much better than I but I would say probably it would be between \$40 and \$50.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I now need to ask a question on procedure. Is the order debatable at this time?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it is.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It would seem to me that next week this order might be very desirable but that at the present time, if the things which I have heard about the report are one-half correct, it seems to me that we, as members of the Legislature, should read the blooming thing first and then determine whether in view of the filth which it is supposed to contain, whether or not we would want to publish additional copies and send them out through the State.

I don't care how you vote on it. I am only stating my personal conviction and I had sincerely hoped that we would not take the position so quickly of advertising what is supposed to be the most filthy thing that ever was presented, the language unreadable for ladies.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair understand that the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, wishes to table this order pending passage?

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I do not. I believe that we should wait on it and I am not urging anyone how to vote. I am only

stating that I am going to vote against it at the present time.

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

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, it is immaterial to me whether or not this report is printed. We just thought it would be of service to the House members and so I will not feel badly, one way or the other, whether or not this report is printed. We are going to have copies for each member of the House, as I understand it, anyway, and we thought it would be a good idea to have one thousand extra. It is entirely up to the members and I certainly won't feel badly one way or the other.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If my memory serves me correctly, the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, in his remarks yesterday, said: "Let's print the blooming thing and forget it." I concur with that: "Let's print the blooming thing and forget it."

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the passage of the order. Is it the pleasure of the House that this order receive passage?

Thereupon, the order received passage.

The SPEAKER: The House is continuing under Orders.

On motion of Mrs. Lord of Portland, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

On motion of Mr. Turner of Auburn, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Ellis Holt of Auburn be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 3, 1953.

The SPEAKER: The House is continuing under Orders.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: If there is no further business to come before the House at this time, the Clerk will read the notices.

The Chair, at this time, wishes to announce that it has been informed through reliable sources that there are over 350 bills in the office of the Honorable Samuel Slosberg already for the process of being dropped into the hopper. Part of the legislative machinery as far as getting out of here earlier than usual depends on each and every one of the members in view of the fact that the earlier a member presents his bills it would seem the earlier the House would be adjourned finally.

The Chair has also been informed by a reliable source that there are before the members diagrams which they are to check this morning to make certain that the seat numbers corresponding to their names are correct. The Chair hopes that each

and every one of the members will do that. Is there any error that any member in the House sees at this moment? The members will please signify immediately by raising their hand. The Chair will give the members a few seconds to do that.

While the members are examining the diagram, they may possibly be interested in the announcement that checks are available to each and every one of them in the Clerk's office.

Has any member discovered an error in the diagram?

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On motion of Mr. Sanford of Dover-Foxcroft,

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, at 4:30 P. M.