

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**

**OF THE**

*Ninety-Sixth Legislature*

**OF THE**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**1953**

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**HOUSE**

Wednesday, January 21, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. David Flowers of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Number of Registered Voters in Election Returns" (S. P. 32) (L. D. 35)

Bill "An Act relating to Party Enrollments in Primary Election Returns" (S. P. 33) (L. D. 36)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of the Governor to Four-Year Terms (S. P. 31) (L. D. 34)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Base Period' Under Employment Security Law" (S. P. 34) (L. D. 37)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Annual Sessions of the Legislature (S. P. 35) (L. D. 38)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Secure Uniformity of Assessment of Forest Lands for Purposes of Taxation" (S. P. 36) (L. D. 39)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Authorize the Legislature to Establish Classifications of Property for Uniform Assessment for Taxation (S. P. 37) (L. D. 40)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Authorizing Commissioners of Cumberland County to Provide for Survey of Portland-South Portland Bridge (S. P. 45)

Came from the Senate given its several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee.

In the House, on motion of Mr. Low of South Portland, the Resolve was given its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee 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:

**Claims**

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Millinocket for Supplies Furnished the Warren Dorr Family (H. P. 62) (Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Medway (H. P. 63) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow in Penobscot County" (H. P. 64) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Porter Lake, Franklin County (H. P. 65) (Presented by Mr. Dodge of Strong)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 66) (Presented by Mr. Whitney of Bridgton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Proof of Agency by Registration of Motor Vehicle Involved in Accident on Public Way" (H. P. 67) (Presented by Mr. Trafton of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Joint Tenancies between Husband and Wife" (H. P. 68) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Guardians and Conservators for Adults" (H. P. 69) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Trustee in Voluntary Trusts" (H. P. 70) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Adoption of Persons" (H. P. 71) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Oaths, Acknowledgments and Nominations of Guardians in Probate Court" (H. P. 72) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Town Dumps" (H. P. 73) (Presented by Mr. Moulton of Sweden)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Capitol Island Village Corporation" (H. P. 74) (Presented by Mr. Tupper of Boothbay Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Power of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation to Install Parking Meters" (H. P. 75) (Presented by Mr. Whitney of Bridgton by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Public Health

Bill "An Act relating to the use of the prefix 'Dr.' by Optometrists" (H. P. 76) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Items of Business in Millinocket Town

Meetings" (H. P. 77) (Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County" (H. P. 78) (Presented by Mr. Tupper of Boothbay Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of Probate, Lincoln County" (H. P. 79) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Welfare

Bill "An Act relating to the Town's Share in Aid to Dependent Children" (H. P. 80) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Merle Merrill of Montville (H. P. 81) (Presented by Mr. Cole of Liberty)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Melvin S. Belden of Palermo (H. P. 82) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Dudley Howard of Searsmont (H. P. 83) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Helen Robbins of Rockland (H. P. 84) (Presented by Miss Lawry of Rockland)

Sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Gilman, out of order and under suspension of the rules, presented the following Joint Resolution:

### Joint Resolution

WHEREAS, an honored General of our United States Army and one who has already given distinguished service to our country and its people, has been destined by fate to be our thirty-fourth president;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the Legislature assembled hereby expresses its sense of appreciation for the eminent leadership, which many of the members of this Legislature have already had an opportunity to observe in the field of military service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be spread upon the records of this Legislature an appreciation of the high esteem for the fine manhood, splendid ability and lofty purpose of Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, and that a message of congratulations be sent to him from this Legislature together with its best wishes for his health and prosperity and the continued honor and greatness of our common country.

Thereupon, the Joint Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Perhaps it is a bit unusual to suggest the thing that I am suggesting at this time, but it seems appropriate, because our new President believes in prayer himself and so signified by offering his own prayer at the Inauguration yesterday, that we as a body stand for a moment in silent prayer for our new President, and I move that, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, moves that these members of the House of Representatives do stand in silent prayer in behalf of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the members stood in silent prayer.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Rockland, Miss Lawry, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

#### Orders

On motion of Mr. Larrabee of Westbrook, it was

ORDERED, that the Speaker of the House be authorized to control the use of the Hall of the House when the House is not in session unless the House shall otherwise order.

The gentlewoman from Lincoln, Miss Steeves, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that the sympathy of the members of the House of Representatives be extended to Mrs. Roswell P. Bates, wife of the Speaker of the House, in her illness, together with their hope for a very speedy recovery.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send a letter expressing the sentiment of the members.

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

SPEAKER BATES: I sincerely thank the members of the House.

The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the House is informed of the birth of a grandson on January 13, 1953 to Representative William R. Cole of Liberty;

AND WHEREAS, the Members of the House are much pleased and wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cole;

BE IT ORDERED, that the baby boy be named Brian Davis Dow, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to send to Mr. Cole an attested copy of this Order.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this Order receive passage?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin.

Mr. McGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask if he gave the date correctly there. I would like to have it read again.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman that that error will be taken care of.

Is it the pleasure of the House that this Order receive passage?

Thereupon, the Order received passage. (Applause)

#### Orders Of The Day

The SPEAKER: If there be no objection on the part of the House, the Clerk has a communication to read at this time.

STATE OF MAINE  
House of Representatives  
Augusta

January 21, 1953.

Hon. Roswell P. Bates,  
Speaker of the House,  
House of Representatives,  
State House,  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

As I feel that I shall be unable to serve as a member of the Legislative Research Committee of the State of Maine during the next biennium, and as I am in accord with the desire of the Speaker to make the appointments to this committee early in the session, I hereby submit my resignation as a

member of the Legislative Research Committee and ask that it be accepted by the House.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) David W. Fuller.

Thereupon, the communication was received and placed on file, and the resignation was accepted.

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The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

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

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On motion of Mr. Call of Cumberland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.