

# 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**

Tuesday, February 3, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ellis Holt of Auburn.

The Members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for Capital Improvements and Construction of State Government for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955" (S. P. 75) (L. D. 182)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District (S. P. 76) (L. D. 183)

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.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955" (S. P. 77) (L. D. 184)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Guide's License" (S. P. 78) (L. D. 185)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement of Policemen Under Maine State Retirement Law" (S. P. 79) (L. D. 187)

Bill "An Act relating to Guaranteed Loans to Veterans" (S. P. 80) (L. D. 186)

Bill "An Act to Require that a Modern Mortality Table be Used

in Inheritance Tax Calculations" (S. P. 82) (L. D. 189)

Bill "An Act relating to Violations of Use Fuel and Motor Carrier Tax Laws" (S. P. 83) (L. D. 190)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Towns to Issue Revenue Bonds for Public Improvement" (S. P. 85) (L. D. 192)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Eighteen Years (S. P. 81) (L. D. 188)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Exempt Revenue Bonds from the Limitations of Municipal Indebtedness (S. P. 84) (L. D. 191)

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 Power of Leavitt Institute to Hold Property" (S. P. 86) (L. D. 194)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Husson College to Confer Degrees" (S. P. 87) (L. D. 193)

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 relating to Digging Clams and Marine Worms in Wiscasset, County of Lincoln" (S. P. 88) (L. D. 195)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Payment to Kennebec County Law Library" (S. P. 91) (L. D. 196)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve providing for State Pension for Donald M. Laughlin of Plantation 33 (S. P. 102)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Eva A. Scammon of Franklin (S. P. 103)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Welfare.

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

#### **Senate Report of Committee Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Welfare reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (S. P. 25) (L. D. 13)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

#### **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 relating to Salary of Members of the Legislature" (H. P. 250) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Towns by State in Lieu of Taxes" (H. P. 251) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Education**

Bill "An Act relating to Clarification of Secondary School Tuition" (H. P. 252) (Presented by Mr. Dennis of Litchfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Length of School Year" (H. P. 253) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Schools" (H. P. 254) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing the School Building Assistance Com-

mission" (H. P. 255) (Presented by Mr. Reynolds of Mount Desert)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow" (H. P. 256) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Greenville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Muskrats in Washington County" (H. P. 257) (Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sunday Hunting" (H. P. 258) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Smelts from Songo River, Cumberland County" (H. P. 259) (Presented by Mr. Fickett of Naples)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Little Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 260) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Harrison by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve providing for a Fish Screen at the Outlet of Nubble Pond in the Town of Raymond, County of Cumberland (H. P. 261) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Nubble Pond and Its Tributaries in Cumberland County (H. P. 262) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Mosquito Brook, Metallic Brook and Mill Brook, County of Oxford (H. P. 263) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Upper Dam Pool, County of Oxford (H. P. 264) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Coffee Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 265) (Presented by Mr. Fickett of Naples by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing for Certain Fish in Coffee Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 266)

(Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Coffee Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 267) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating the Taking of Smelts in Little Big Wood Pond and Long Pond in Somerset County (H. P. 268) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Acquisition of Schoolhouse Lots by Condemnation" (H. P. 269) (Presented by Mr. Dennis of Litchfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Police Officers in Uniform Stopping Motor Vehicles for Examination" (H. P. 270) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Delivery of Ballots by Absentee Voters" (H. P. 271) (Presented by Mr. Woodcock of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act providing for the Registration of Structural Pest Control Operators" (H. P. 272) (Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Civil Service Commission for the Town of Old Orchard Beach" (H. P. 273) (Presented by Mrs. Downing of North Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Throwing Substances on Highways Likely to Cause Fires" (H. P. 274) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Billboards and Signs" (H. P. 275) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Natural Resources

Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Slash" (H. P. 276) (Presented by Mr. Abbott of Mechanic Falls by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Authority to Build a Private Road Across Massacre Pond, in Scarborough" (H. P. 277) (Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Public Health

Bill "An Act relating to Reports and Health Certificates of Chiropractors" (H. P. 278) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Creating the Old Orchard Beach Sewerage District" (H. P. 279) (Presented by Mrs. Downing of North Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Freeport Sewer District" (H. P. 280) (Presented by Mr. Tuttle of Pownal)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams in the Town of Castine" (H. P. 281) (Presented by Mr. Jewett of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Sales Tax on Isolated Sales of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 282) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Harrison)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Tax Exemption of Certain Organizations" (H. P. 283) (Presented by Mr. Kimball of Dayton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Rental for the Winthrop Municipal Court" (H. P. 284) (Presented by Mr. Dennis of Litchfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of the Winthrop Municipal Court" (H. P. 285) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Judge and Recorder of Bath Municipal Court" (H. P. 286) (Presented by Mr. Legard of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to School Bands and Other Organized Activities" (H. P. 287) (Presented by Mr. Rounady of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Moving Heavy Objects over Highways" (H. P. 288) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Parked Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 289) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 290) (Presented by Mr. Jewett of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Mirror Attached to Passenger Cars" (H. P. 291) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Speed Regulations for Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 292) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Carrying Motor Vehicle License by Operator" (H. P. 293) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Welfare

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Joseph Quirion of Augusta (H. P. 294) (Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Almira Coffin of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 295) (Presented by Mr. Abbott of Mechanic Falls)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charles Bowen of Newburg (H. P. 296) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Etna)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for John W. Carr of Island Falls (H. P. 298) (Presented by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Francis Green of Whiting (H. P. 299) (Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Nettie Hood of Lubec (H. P. 300) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Fred H. Crane of Whiting (H. P. 301) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mary R. Mason of Monmouth (H. P. 302) (Presented by Mr. Dennis of Litchfield)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Ada Woodson of Litchfield (H. P. 303) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Fred Dore of Kennebunk (H. P. 304) (Presented by Mrs. Downing of North Kennebunkport)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Elizabeth Norton Bowden of Orland (H. P. 305) (Presented by Mr. Jewett of Bucksport)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Herbert F. Sanborn of Hollis Center (H. P. 306) (Presented by Mr. Kimball of Dayton)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Annette Cyr of Van Buren (H. P. 307) (Presented by Mr. Maudore of Van Buren)

Resolve providing for State Pension for George Maxwell of Princeton (H. P. 308) (Presented by Mr. Murray of Baileyville)

Sent up for concurrence.

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

### Orders

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Bangor, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. John Brett Fort of Bangor, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 17, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Wadleigh of Mt. Vernon, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. L. L. Dunn of Mt. Vernon, be invited to officiate.

ate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, February 12, 1953.

**House Reports of Committees  
Ought to Pass**

Mr. Woodcock from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Ferry Between Indian Island and Old Town" (H. P. 31) (L. D. 25)

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with Committee  
Amendment  
Tabled**

Mr. Stewart from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Financial Provisions of Rockland School District" (H. P. 32) (L. D. 26) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted.

(On motion of Mr. Low of Rockland, the report with accompanying papers was tabled pending first reading of the Bill.)

**Passed to Be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" (H. P. 121) (L. D. 86)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**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.

On motion of Mr. Lane of Waterville,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.