

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*Special Session*

OF THE

*Ninety-Sixth Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1954

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AUGUSTA, MAINE

**HOUSE**

Tuesday, September 21, 1954

This being the day designated in the proclamation of the Governor for the meeting of the Ninety-sixth Legislature in extra session, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their hall at four o'clock in the afternoon E.S.T. and were called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Brackley of Hallowell.

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

The following 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 the 1954 revision of the statutes.

To consider temporary emergency legislation to bring Maine in conformity with the other New England States on Daylight Saving Time.

To consider clarification of the joint legislative order passed in 1953 in relation to employees' salaries.

To consider any other legislation to promote the general welfare of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BURTON M. CROSS, 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 Tuesday, the twenty-first day of September, 1954 at four 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 twenty-fourth day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-ninth.  
(Signed) Burton M. Cross  
Governor

By the Governor  
(Signed) Paul A. MacDonald  
Deputy Secretary of State  
A true copy.

Attest:  
(Signed) Paul A. MacDonald  
Deputy Secretary of State

The Proclamation was read by the Clerk and ordered placed on file.

The Clerk thereupon called the roll of the House. 131 members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present.

Those who were absent were Messrs. Abbott, Buckley, Currier, Downing, Jacobs, Murray, Ready, Reynolds, Robinson, Walker, and Wylie.

There were eight vacancies.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, it was

ORDERED, That a Committee of seven be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

The Chair appointed the following members to the committee:

Messrs. FULLER  
of South Portland  
CRABTREE  
of Island Falls

BROWN of Robbinston  
 McCLUSKEY of Warren  
 RICH of Charleston  
 FINEMORE

of Bridgewater  
 FOGG of Madison

Subsequently Mr. Fuller for the Committee reported that it had attended to the duty assigned to it.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair calls to the attention of the members of the House and our guests that Maine's gracious First Lady and two of her daughters with two guests are present with us. I know I speak in behalf of every member of the House at our pleasure in having them present with us at this time. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Albert of Augusta, it was

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

Thereupon, the Clerk was designated by the Speaker to convey the message to the Senate and he subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

The following communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 AUGUSTA

September 21, 1954

To Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Legislature:

In compliance with Section 1 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, I beg to report that there are the following vacancies in the representation of class districts as listed below:

Dyer Brook, Littleton, Ludlow, Merrill, New Limerick, Oakfield, Smyrna, Hammond Pl. and Moro Pl.: Lynwood E. Hand, appointed Judge of Probate, Aroostook County, January 6, 1954.

Baldwin, Sebago and Standish: Ervin A. Center, elected State Senator, Cumberland County, October 5, 1953.

Harrison, Otisfield and Windham: Earl W. Davis, elected State Senator, Cumberland County, October 5, 1953.

Augusta: Robert Martin, resigned, elected State Senator, Kennebec County, October 5, 1953.

Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, South Bristol, Southport and Monhegan Pl.: Stanley R. Tupper, resigned.

Lovell, Norway, Oxford and Waterford: Clyde J. Ford, deceased.

Brewer: Wesley C. Archer, appointed Judge, Brewer Municipal Court.

Anson, Embden, Norridgewock and Starks: Walter E. Taylor, deceased.

The resignations of Mr. Center of Standish, Mr. Davis, Mr. Martin and Mr. Tupper are attached.

Respectfully,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS

Secretary of State

The communication was read and ordered placed on file, and the names stricken from the rolls of the House.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, that Dwight Dogherty of Augusta serve as acting Page in the House during this Special Session.

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State, certify that the office of the Secretary of State is the legal depository of the Great Seal of the State of Maine and of the records of election and appointment and qualification of civil officers.

I further certify, that the records of this department disclose that Lynwood E. Hand of New Limerick was on the sixth day of Jan-

uary, 1954 appointed Judge of Probate of Aroostook County for a term ending January 1, 1955 and qualified for said office on the ninth day of January, 1954 by taking the oaths as prescribed by law.

I further certify, that Wesley C. Archer of Brewer was on the twenty-seventh day of August 1953 appointed Judge of the Brewer Municipal Court for a term of four years and qualified for said office on the second day of September, 1953.

I further certify, that on the fifth day of October, 1953 at a Special Election held in Cumberland and Kennebec Counties that Ervin A. Center of Standish and Earl W. Davis of Harrison were elected Senators in the Ninety-sixth Legislature from the County of Cumberland and Robert Martin of Augusta was elected Senator in the Ninety-sixth Legislature from the County of Kennebec.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, this twenty-first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four and in the one hundred and seventy-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(Signed) Harold I. Goss  
Secretary of State.

The communication was read and ordered placed on file.

At this time, a message was received from the Senate, borne by the Secretary, informing the House that a quorum was present and that the Senate was ready to transact such business as might properly come before it.

The following Communication:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AUGUSTA

September 21, 1954  
To the Honorable Roswell P. Bates,  
Speaker of the House of Repre-

sentatives of the Ninety-sixth Legislature:

In compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, I have the honor to herewith transmit the returns of the votes cast for Representative to the Legislature in the class towns of Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, South Bristol, Southport and Monhegan Pl. at a special election held March 1, 1954 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Stanley R. Tupper of Boothbay Harbor; and the returns of the votes cast for Representative to the Legislature in the city of Augusta at a special election held October 5, 1953 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Robert Martin.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) Harold I. Goss  
Secretary of State

The communication was read and with accompanying record of returns referred to the Committee on Elections.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert.

Mr. ALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I note the presence in the Hall of the House of the Representative - elect from Augusta, Mr. Lord, and the Representative - elect from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Greenleaf. I move that these two several representatives be escorted to the Governor's Office where they may take and subscribe the proper oaths.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert, moves that the Representatives-elect, Mr. Lord of Augusta and Mr. Greenleaf of Boothbay Harbor be escorted to the Governor's office for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to permit them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert, was requested by the Chair to perform that duty.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Moose River Plantation, Mr. Watson.

Mr. WATSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is my sad duty at this time to inform the House of the passing of Walter E. Taylor of Norridgewock. He was one of our Somerset County delegation, very highly respected, and at this time I would like to offer this resolution and move its adoption.

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety - sixth Legislature have learned with profound sorrow of the untimely death of an esteemed colleague, Honorable Walter E. Taylor, Representative from Norridgewock, and a member of the House of Representatives in 1951;

AND WHEREAS, in his association with the members of this House he was ever honorable and kindly, being highly regarded for his character and sterling qualities of mind and heart;

AND WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives sense in his passing a personal loss and a genuine grief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Maine mourns the loss of a faithful and valued public servant, and the members of the House of Representatives lament the departure of an esteemed and trusted friend;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his family.

Thereupon, the Resolution was received out of order and under suspension of the rules, read and adopted by unanimous rising vote.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes at this time the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Moulton.

Mr. MOULTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On June 14th, Honorable Clyde Ford of North Waterford passed on to that undiscovered country from whose borders no traveler returns.

In his memory I present this resolution and move its adoption.

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety - sixth Legislature have learned with profound sorrow of the untimely death of an esteemed colleague, Honorable Clyde J. Ford, Representative from Waterford;

AND WHEREAS, in his association with the members of this House he was ever honorable and kindly, being highly regarded for his character and sterling qualities of mind and heart;

AND WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives sense in his passing a personal loss and a genuine grief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Maine mourns the loss of a faithful and valued public servant, and the members of the House of Representatives lament the departure of an esteemed and trusted friend;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his family.

Thereupon, the Resolution was received out of order and under suspension of the rules, read and adopted by unanimous rising vote.

At this time, the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert, reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged and that the two Representatives-elect, Mr. Lord of Augusta and Mr. Greenleaf of Boothbay Harbor, had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify them as Representatives to the Legislature.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is extremely happy at this time on behalf of the House to extend a cordial welcome of good fellowship to the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lord, and requests him to occupy seat number 106, formerly occupied by his predecessor.

Likewise with equal enthusiasm each member of the House joins the Chair in welcoming the gentle-

man from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Greenleaf, and requests him to find a place for himself at the seat of his predecessor, seat number 45. (Applause)

At this time, a message was received from the Senate borne by Senator Carter of Oxford announcing the election of Honorable John F. Ward as President and Chester T. Winslow as Secretary.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair will read for the record and also for the members of the House a communication addressed to the Speaker of the House.

"Dear Dr. Bates:

I herewith submit my resignation as House Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee of the 96th Maine Legislature on Public Health. I want you to know how much I have enjoyed the association with you in the 95th and 96th Maine Legislatures.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Alfred M. Senter"

The communication was received and placed on file.

The SPEAKER: Likewise the Chair has a message addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Dear Dr. Bates: I herewith submit my resignation as House Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee of the 96th Maine Legislature, Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Allan Woodcock, Jr."

The communication was received and placed on file.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair will announce the appointment of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Senter, to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to replace the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Davis.

The Chair also announces at this time the appointment of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Woodcock, to the Committee on Judiciary to

replace the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Martin.

The Chair announces the appointment of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Greenleaf, to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

The Chair announces the appointment of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lord, to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

At this time the Clerk will read a communication.

The following Communication:

TO THE LEGISLATURE OF  
THE STATE OF MAINE:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6, Article X of the constitution of the State of Maine, I herewith submit to the legislature for approval my arrangement of the constitution, as amended, under appropriate titles and in proper articles, parts and sections, in which I have omitted all sections, clauses and words not in force, and making no other changes in the provisions or language thereof.

I have adopted, as far as possible, the arrangement made by Chief Justice Murchie in 1951, which was approved by the legislature, and published under the direction of the Secretary of State as authorized by Chapter 87 of the Resolves of 1951. I have also continued the previous system of identification of each amendment, by adding the date of the legislative resolve proposing its submission for adoption, and by the chapter number of such resolve. Dated: September 14, 1954

Respectfully,

(Signed) Raymond Fellows  
Chief Justice of the  
Supreme Judicial Court  
(H. P. 1330)

The communication was read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McGlauffin of Portland, the following Resolve was received out of order and

under suspension of the rules:

Resolve Approving Draft and Arrangement of the State Constitution made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and Providing for its Publication and Distribution (H.P. 1314)

The Resolve was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The following paper 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, notwithstanding any previous cloture orders passed by the 96th Legislature, that no bill or resolve be received at this Special Session of the Legislature unless deposited with the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House before five-thirty P.M., Eastern Standard Time (six - thirty, Daylight Saving Time) Tuesday, September 21, 1954, except by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced, and further

ORDERED, that any bill or resolve which shall be received in either body of this Legislature by unanimous consent after five-thirty P.M., Eastern Standard Time (six - thirty P.M., Daylight Saving Time) Tuesday, September 21, 1954, shall be referred to the Ninety-seventh Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence (S.P. 623)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

At this time, a message was received from the Senate, borne by its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of listening to an address by His Excellency, Honorable Burton M. Cross, Governor of Maine.

The SPEAKER: At this time, for the purpose of the record and for the information of the members of the House, the Chair will announce that at this moment the entire elected membership of the House is 145.

On motion of Mr. Fogg of Madison, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that body that the House concurred in the proposal for a Joint Convention.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

#### House at Ease

The Senate then entered the Hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed.

#### In Convention

President Ward of the Senate in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Burton M. Cross, Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives; and extend to him an invitation to attend the Convention and present such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman thereupon appointed as members of that Committee on the part of the Senate: Senators:

HASKELL of Penobscot  
SILSBY of Hancock  
BOUCHER

of Androscoggin  
and on the part of the House:

Representatives:

FERGUSON of Hanover  
BURGESS of Limestone  
BIBBER

of Kennebunkport  
DICKER

of Lakeville Plantation  
LAWRY of Rockland



SANFORD  
of Dover-Foxcroft  
LATNO of Old Town

Subsequently, Senator Haskell for the Committee reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned to it, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would attend forthwith.

Thereupon, His Excellency Burton M. Cross, Governor, the Governor's Council and the Heads of Departments were announced by Lt. Robert Packard of the Maine Air National Guard and entered the Hall of the House of Representatives amid applause, the audience rising, and the Governor addressed the Convention as follows:

#### The Message

Mr. President and Members of the 96th Legislature:

We are faced at this Special Session with more problems than were contemplated in the original call several weeks ago.

The damage from two hurricanes has placed a heavy burden on our Maine towns and cities; a burden that many of them cannot face without help from the State.

I shall lay before you for your consideration, first the original recommendations in the call for the Special Session. I shall then list those of a deferred nature, left over from the Regular Session, and which I believe to be the responsibility of this Legislature and this Administration. Then, I shall list those of an emergency nature on disaster relief.

I recommend acceptance of the Legislative Committee's report on revision of the Maine Statutes, and I wish to compliment the Committee on a fine revision, well indexed and annotated.

I present to you, for possible action, the problem of one month's extension of Daylight Saving Time to conform with other New England States. This poses several factors of hardship either way you decide, and is a

confusing situation. I leave it to your own collective judgment.

It is necessary for this Legislature to interpret the joint order passed by the last session on State employees' salaries. It would appear that the joint order intended a salary step increase, should departmental savings be sufficient to warrant it. Through sound administration by your Governor and cooperative action of department heads, such savings were made and are available, should this be your desire.

I believe that you should also consider at the present time the over-all matter of hours, particularly at the State institutions. At the Regular Session, in 1953, funds did not appear to be available to support these two problems. However, with savings accomplished and revenues as they now are, I recommend that you grant both the increase and the reduction of the work week at this time. They will be possible because of operating savings within the present budget or through increased income.

I recommend that the Legislature by joint order, approve a proposal of your Governor, made to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, a proposal to liberalize the present income and assets schedule of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind, and to set up a flexible scale of financial responsibility of relatives in these two categories.

After nearly two years of administration, it is my considered judgment that this is necessary to care for the many border line and hardship cases in these categories. Many of you are aware of instances in your own communities; they threw added burdens on the towns and cities which should be the State's, under these programs. This will not require legislative action, but should have approval, through a joint order. Ample funds are available within the current appropriation of the Department to take care of

the cost of this liberalization. No new money is necessary.

At the regular session, I recommended to you that we pass legislation to set up a fourth category of State Welfare, "The relief of those permanently and totally disabled." This bill was passed by both branches, but sufficient funds did not appear to be available, and the bill was laid aside.

At the present time, 42 of the 48 states have passed such legislation, and federal funds are still available to Maine for this fiscal year. Many of these hardship cases are known to you, and have been helped by Special Pension Resolves for many years. The Special Pension Resolves are entirely State funds, and the program I advocated to you is a joint Federal and State participation. Sufficient funds are available within the current appropriations of the Welfare Department, and would result in fulfilling a very real need. I recommend strongly reconsideration and passage of this bill. No new money is necessary.

The Governor and Council approved, this summer, the transfer from Highway Surplus of sufficient funds to construct a Truck Weighing Station, at Kittery. This has been considered for some time, and should do much to protect our highways against overloaded trucks. It will be necessary to appropriate \$60,715. to finance this on a 24 - hour basis, and to defray the cost of the necessary personnel. Fines and costs resulting from this enforcement will more than balance the expense. Also, due to increased mileage of nearly one million and a half miles driven by State Troopers, in the stepped - up enforcement drive against traffic violations, it will be necessary to allocate additional funds for patrol car exchange this fiscal year. I recommend the appropriation of \$57,400. for this purpose, as the lower accident rate and the lower fatality

ratio show the desirable results of such increased enforcement.

I recommend that in the light of increased revenues you reconsider the tobacco tax bill that was passed by both branches of the Legislature in 1953, and vetoed by your Governor. It appeared at that time to be impossible to budget out the contemplated loss of revenue. With the State income at the level it now is, it is quite apparent that such loss of revenue can now be absorbed without curtailing essential services. I recommend reconsideration and passage of this bill at this time.

I recommend that \$500,000. be appropriated from General Fund Savings to cover increased costs of the State Office Building. These increases would cover the purchase of movable partitions, granite facing, the tunnel to the State House, central heating plant, and renovating the Library and other offices at the State House and Highway Building.

I recommend that \$95,000. be authorized from the working capital of the Liquor Commission to establish Retail and Wholesale stores and Commission offices at the warehouse in Hallowell. This will make available necessary extra office space that will allow us to move the entire Motor Vehicle Department into the new State Office Building. No new money will be required, as funds are available in the working capital of the Commission; wholesale outlets are planned at the existing stores to care for the needs of consumers in each large center of the State. This will result in greater convenience to all wholesale users.

The following recommendations are relative to the recent hurricane disaster, and should be considered as emergency legislation:

I recommend that \$97,700. be appropriated from General Fund Savings for emergency repairs at Pownal State School, made necessary by the recent hurricanes. They were especially hard hit, and should be safeguarded against any disaster in the future.

I recommend that one million dollars be appropriated from General Fund Savings to reimburse towns and cities for damages by the two hurricanes to town roads and bridges. It will be necessary to take this from General Fund Savings, as the existing Highway Surplus account will be heavily drawn upon for storm damage to State roads and bridges on State and State - aid roads. These, of course, are a responsibility of the State under the law.

The history of the Highway Surplus over the past three years is as follows:

At the end of the fiscal year 1952, it contained \$2,048,000.

At the end of the fiscal year 1953, it contained \$3,360,000.

As of July 1, 1954, it contained 3,204,000.

It is highly essential that this surplus be held at a level that will allow for emergencies such as this, and for working capital. It appears absolutely essential that the following expenditures will be required to be made from existing surplus:

\$2,000,000 in hurricane damage to State and State - aid roads and bridges

\$500,000 increase for snow removal costs in 1954-55

\$300,000 increase for tarring and maintenance costs in 1954-55

Total \$2,800,000

It is obvious that these expenditures over the coming fiscal year will reduce the surplus to a dangerous point of less than half a million dollars, and that, therefore, this hurricane damage to town roads and bridges cannot be taken from this fund.

It is my considered judgment that the needs of the towns in this emergency must be met from General Fund Savings.

Reimbursement to the towns will be supplemented by that which may be given by the Federal Government under the Civil Defense Public Law 875. This covers debris clearance, as well as other emergency damage claims.

The State reimbursement on town roads and bridges should be passed on not less than 50% payment of provable damage with a provision that towns should not be required to pay more than one per cent of valuation in any instance, as in many cases, those hit the hardest are the least able to pay. Their plight is a very real one, and I believe it to be a serious obligation of State Government to step in and aid the towns in this State-wide disaster.

To aid further the towns that have suffered losses to school property, I recommend that \$700,000 from General Fund Savings be added to the educational subsidy and channelled to the towns this fiscal year.

I am also aware of the impact upon the towns of the teachers' salary increases voted by this Legislature in 1953.

These additional funds this year should materially assist our communities in meeting the provisions of the new salary scale, as well as damage caused to physical properties by the two hurricanes. It will give the towns added relief at a critical time, and this action will raise the subsidy to approximately a 105%.

I cannot stress too strongly that where the funds are available in savings under the present Administration, it should be used to render aid to towns and cities hard pressed by this hurricane disaster.

These recommended withdrawals from General Fund Savings total \$2,297,700 and compare favorably with the amount of departmental savings and increased revenues lapsed into the surplus as of July 1, 1954.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Legislators who have worked so long and so hard with me in the service of the people of Maine. I know how much we have accomplished in the last Legislature to promote forward-looking administration. The plans recom-

mended by your Governor and passed by you have been implemented by action, and these changes, plus careful administration and outstanding cooperation from our State department heads have resulted in over a half million dollar saving in overhead, which, added to increased revenues, resulted in a 7¼ million dollar General Fund Savings at this time.

I feel that you and I have a real obligation to the people of Maine to finish some of the projects that were held up or curtailed by apparent lack of funds in 1953. I strongly urge that you do these things that I have outlined to you.

As your Chief Executive, I shall look back with a feeling of pride on the many accomplishments of this Administration and this Legislature. It could not have been possible without your cooperation and that of the department heads and the State employees.

As your Governor, this year will complete twenty years of public service to the people of my State. I shall look back on this record with deep, personal satisfaction of work well done. To me, that is sufficient reward. My thoughts will always be with you and my every effort in the future will continue to be for the service of my native State of Maine.

Governor Cross, accompanied by the Executive Council, the Attorney General and the Adjutant General, then retired amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

Thereupon, the purposes for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Convention was dissolved, and the Senate retired to its chamber, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

#### IN THE HOUSE

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, the following Bill was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act to Provide for Additional Educational Subsidy Funds for the December, 1954 Payment" (H.P. 1310)

And was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Crabtree.

Mr. CRABTREE: Out of order and under suspension of the rules I offer a bill and move that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Crabtree, presents a bill out of order and under suspension of the rules and moves that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence. The Clerk will read the title.

Thereupon, Mr. Crabtree presented the following Bill: Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Governor" (H. P. 1319)

The Bill was received out of order and under suspension of the rules, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Liberty, the following Bill was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act Providing Emergency Relief to Municipalities from Hurricane Damage to Highways" (H.P. 1309)

And was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Highways jointly, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I realize that you have other measures to take up but due to the time, which motivates my remarks, I should like to ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will put the gentleman's request before the House. Does the Chair hear objection to the unanimous consent request of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert?

(Cries of "Yes")

The Chair hears objection.

On motion of Mr. Fitanides of Saco, the following Resolve was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Resolve Providing for the Shipping and Packaging of the Revised Statutes of 1954 (H. P. 1312)

And was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fitanides of Saco, the following Bill was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Revised Statutes and Session Laws" (H. P. 1313)

And was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Low of Rockland, the following Bill was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Tax on Cigars and Tobacco Products" (H. P. 1311)

And was referred to the Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Clements of Belfast, the following Bill was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act relating to Aid to the Disabled" (H. P. 1316)

And was referred to the Committee on Welfare, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ludwig of Hope, the following Resolve was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Resolve Providing for the Replacements of State Police Vehicles (H. P. 1317)

And was referred to the Committee on Highways, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Boston of North Berwick, the following Resolve was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Resolve Providing for Furnishing, Maintaining and Operating Weighing Stations at Kittery (H. P. 1318)

And was referred to the Committee on Highways, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burgess of Limestone, the following Bill was received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of 1954 Revised Statutes, Annotated, Outside of State" (H. P. 1315)

And was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent immediately after the House recesses that all papers acted upon and requiring concurrence of the Senate be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, requests unanimous consent that immediately after the House recesses all papers acted upon and requiring concurrence with the Senate be immediately transmitted to the Senate. Does the Chair hear objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield, the following Bill was

received out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Town of Palmyra School District" (H. P. 1320)

And was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland,

Recessed until 7:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

#### After Recess

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes that the gentleman from Northeast Harbor, Mr. Reynolds, is now present and without objection the Clerk will note his presence in the journal. The Chair hears no objection and the Clerk will so note that presence.

At this time, are there any other members who were not here this afternoon to answer the roll call who would like to make themselves known?

The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman from St. George, Mr. Robinson, and without objection the Chair will request the Clerk to enter his name in the journal. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

#### Papers from the Senate (Out of Order)

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

From the Senate: The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House be directed to furnish to each member and officer of the Senate and House a copy of the State newspaper each morning during the present special session of the Legislature (S.P. 621)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred and fifty

copies of the Legislative Record for this Special Session of 1954, convened on September 21, be printed and bound, one copy each for the members and officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library purposes and be it 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 Legislature and the departments, under the direction of the Document Clerk (S. P. 620)

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 the Clerk of the House, respectively; the cost of this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates (S.P. 622)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in 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.

#### Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Petitions, Bills and Resolves were received out of order and under suspension of the rules, and were referred to the following committees:

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve in favor of Gordon M. Stewart of Paris, Administrator d.b.n.c.t.a. of the Estate of Eva

M. Elliot, late of Otisfield, Deceased (H.P. 1321) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris).

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses to Hunt or Fish for Spouses and Children of Members of the Armed Forces of the United States" (H.P. 1322) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone).

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Bridgton Finance Company" (H.P. 1323) (Presented by Mr. Whitney of Bridgton).

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Petition of the City Council of Brewer in favor of increasing the borrowing capacity of the City of Brewer High School District (H. P. 1324) (Presented by Mr. Woodcock of Bangor).

Petition of the Trustees of the City of Brewer High School District in favor of Amendment to Section 5 of Chapter 4 of the Private and Special Laws of 1925, as amended, to procure funds by issuing notes and bonds (H.P. 1325) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bangor Recreation Center" (H. P. 1326) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Bangor City Council in favor of changing the borrowing capacity of the Bangor Recreation Center from \$1,200,000 to \$1,400,000 (H. P. 1327) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Natural Resources**

Resolve Permitting the Building of a Wharf in Maranacook

Lake (H. P. 1328) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Public Health**

Bill "An Act Changing Name of Pownal State School to Maine Children's Center" (H. P. 1329) (Presented by Mr. McGlauffin of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair will announce the appointment of the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Gates, and the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, to the Committee on Public Health.

At this time the Chair will also announce that the House will be at ease pending receipt of further papers from the Senate but the Chair will respectfully request that the members stay nearby so that matters may be expedited as well as possible.

**House at Ease**

Called to order by the Speaker.

**Papers from the Senate  
(Out of Order)**

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Elderly Teachers' Pensions" (S. P. 629)

Resolve relating to Wages and Work-Week of State Employees (S. P. 624)

Resolve Providing for Emergency Repairs and Construction at Pownal State School (S. P. 625)

Resolve in favor of Maine Maritime Academy (S. P. 626)

Resolve Providing Additional Funds for the Maine State Office Building (S. P. 627)

Resolve relating to the Revision Committee (S. P. 628)

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 relating to the Fee for Stamping Beaver Skins" (S. P. 630)

Bill "An Act relating to Bartlett's Island as a Game Preserve" (S. P. 631)

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 Standard Time During the Month of October, 1954" (S. P. 632)

Bill "An Act relating to Distribution of Revised Statutes and Session Laws" (S. P. 640)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Acts Consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-four" (S. P. 641)

Bill "An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Public Laws of the State" (S. P. 642)

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 Registers of Deeds" (S. P. 633)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer High School District" (S. P. 634)

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:

Resolve Providing for Additional Funds for the State Liquor Warehouse (S. P. 635)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Adjutant General" (S. P. 636)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Building of a Foot Bridge Across Tidewaters in Gilpatrick's Cove in the Town of Mount Desert" (S. P. 637)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Enabling the County Commissioners of the County of Lincoln to Convey Real Estate" (S. P. 638)

Bill "An Act relating to Power of Counties to Borrow Money" (S. P. 639)

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.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Wylie, and without objection will request the Clerk to enter his name in the journal. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

The House will be at ease for a few minutes pending possible



receipt of further papers from  
the Senate.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of  
South Portland,

Adjourned until 1:00 o'clock  
tomorrow afternoon, Eastern  
Standard Time.