

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1955

DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL
Augusta, Maine

SENATE

Thursday, January 6, 1955

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Orders**(Out of Order)**

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 11, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 9)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, 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 the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years, 1955 and 1956. (S. P. 10)

The President appointed:

Senators:

SINCLAIR of Somerset

LORD of Cumberland

BUTLER of Franklin

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence, the Speaker having joined on the part of the House:

Representatives:

CORMIER of Rumford

ALBERT of Augusta

COTE of Lewiston

GREENLEAF

of Boothbay Harbor

DOSTIE of Waterville

PIERCE of Bucksport

DUQUETTE of Biddeford

On motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the Governor's Message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees. (S. P. 11)

The President appointed:

Senators:

BOUCHER of Androscoggin

COLLINS of Aroostook

PARKER of Piscataquis

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence, and the Speaker having joined on the part of the House:

Representatives:

BIBBER of Kennebunkport

CURTIS of Bowdoinham

CASWELL of New Sharon

ROGERSON of Houlton

ALDEN of Gorham

CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield

ELWELL of Brooks

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, it was

ORDERED, that three thousand copies of the Governor's Message be printed.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House jointly prepare the Senate and House Register, and that 5,000 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature. (S. P. 17)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Fuller of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the desk, chair, table and personal files of Burton M. Cross, used by him as Governor of Maine, be presented to him as a gift from the Ninety-seventh Legislature. (S. P. 18)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of 50 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 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; and it was further

ORDERED, that free telegraph service be provided to each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of twenty messages of reasonable length, 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 by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House; the cost of this service to be paid to Western Union Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates. (S. P. 12)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Brown of Washington, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, be authorized to furnish to the Superintendent of Public Printing, postage on all correspondence relative to advertising committee hearings during the present session, same to be charged to legislative expense. (S. P. 13)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish each member and officer of the Sen-

ate during the present session, with two daily newspapers printed in the State, as each member and officer may direct.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the members and officers of the Legislature be furnished with express and parcel transportation for all packages and department reports in a sum not exceeding \$5.00 for each member and officer thereof, and that such transportation be furnished and expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, be authorized to furnish wrappers and postage stamps for each member and officer of the Senate and House, not exceeding \$6.00 in amount each, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the Departments of State and other public documents such as they may desire to mail to the citizens of the State. (S. P. 5)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Silsby of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation, amounts included in fortnightly lists, certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, and that the final payrolls of such officers at the end of the session bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. (S. P. 16)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate purchase such stationery, office supplies and equipment as

may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate.

Mr. Sinclair for the Committee reported that the Committee had waited upon the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, Governor-elect, and that he was pleased to reply that he accepted the office and would attend on the Legislature at such time as may be designated for the purpose of taking and subscribing to the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him in the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Mr. Hillman of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of administering to the Honorables Sidney R. Batchelder, Leon M. Sanborn, Walter Haynes, Arthur E. Ela, David A. Nichols, Roswell P. Bates, and Carroll B. Peacock, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties as Executive Councilors, and for the further purpose of administering to the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary delivered the message and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned to him.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Pease its Clerk, concurring in the proposition for a Joint Convention for the purpose of administering the oaths to the Executive Councilors and to the Governor-elect.

The Senate retired to the Hall of the House of Representatives where a Joint Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention see House Report)

In the Senate

The Senate was called to order by the President.

At this time, the President announced the members of two of the Standing Committees of the Senate:

Bills in the Second Reading

Senators Weeks
Dunham
Boyker
St. Pierre

Engrossed Bills

Senators Fuller
Reid
Sinclair
Brown
Silsby
Butler
Dow
Hillman
Wyman
Boucher
Hall
Fournier

The President submitted the names of the following Senators as Senate members of the Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture

Senators Fuller
Jamieson
Dow

Appropriations

Senators Collins
Sinclair
Chapman

Business Legislation

Senators Cummings
Albee
Farris

Claims

Senators Silsby
Low
Fournier

Correctional Institutions

Senators Cummings
Lord
Boyker

Education

Senators Dow
Fuller
Crabtree

Highways

Senators Parker
Jamieson
Cole

Inland Fisheries and Game

Senators Carpenter
Hillman
Hall

Judiciary

Senators Reid
Silsby
Weeks

Labor

Senators Farris
Hillman
St. Pierre

Legal Affairs

Senators Wood
Martin
Lessard

Liquor Control

Senators Crabtree
Carpenter
Boucher

Natural Resources

Senators Butler
Wyman
Farley

Public Health

Senators Lord
Boyker
St. Pierre

Public Utilities

Senators Martin
Silsby
Lessard

Retirements and Pensions

Senators Butler
Dunham
Sinclair

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Senators Brown
Dow
Fournier

Taxation

Senators Low
Cummings
Albee

Towns and Counties

Senators Wyman
Farris
Farnham

Transportation

Senators Cole
Wyman
Hall

Veterans and Military Affairs

Senators Weeks
Brown
Fuller

Welfare

Senators Dunham
Cole
Boucher

References

Senators Haskell
Reid
Boucher

Thereupon, the appointments approved.

On motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the State Employees Legislative Council for its quarterly meeting on Friday evening, January 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 11 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.