

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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## SENATE

Tuesday, February 1, 1955

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. George F. Bolster of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

## House Papers

Bill "An Act Amending the Mining Law" (S.P. 78) (L. D. 179)

(In Senate, on January 25, referred to Committee on Natural Resources)

Comes from House, referred to Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

Bill "An Act Exempting Sales of Mixed Fertilizer to Federal Government from Fertilizer Tax." (H. P. 174) (L. D. 181)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Aid to Public and Private Hospitals." (H. P. 175) (L. D. 182)

"Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of 'History of Bridgewater, Maine'." (H. P. 176) (L. D. 183)

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Fees Paid to Register of Deeds by the State." (H. P. 177) (L. D. 184)

Bill "An Act relating to Legal Investments of a Town's Sinking Fund." (H. P. 178) (L. D. 185)

Bill "An Act relating to Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen." (H. P. 179) (L. D. 186)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of Charles Lambert, Brunswick." (H. P. 250)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bowdoin." (H. P. 251)

"Resolve in Favor of Robert S. Robinson of Westbrook." (H. P. 252)

"Resolve in Favor of Herschel P. Bugbee of Washburn." (H. P. 180) (L. D. 187)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Palermo." (H. P. 181) (L. D. 188)

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Exceptions from Outdoor Advertising." (H. P. 184) (L. D. 189)

"Resolve Designating Part of State Highway Three as 'The Acadia Highway'." (H. P. 185) (L. D. 190)

"Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in Town of Boothbay Harbor." (H. P. 186) (L. D. 191)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Boundaries of Stockholm Game Preserve." (H. P. 187) (L. D. 192)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Squa Pan Lake in Aroostook County." (H. P. 188) (L. D. 193)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rattlesnake (Pequawket) Pond, Oxford County." (H. P. 189) (L. D. 194)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act regulating Advertising Relative to Sale or Offering for Sale of Merchandise, Commodities and Services." (H. P. 190) (L. D. 195)

Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates." (H. P. 191) (L. D. 196)

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of Rumford Falls Trust Company and Amend its Charter." (H. P. 192) (L. D. 197)

Bill "An Act relating to Consent for Adoption of Children." (H. P. 193) (L. D. 198)

Bill "An Act relating to Highway Drains." (H. P. 194) (L. D. 199)

Bill "An Act relating to Warnings of Possible Loss of Right to Operate a Motor Vehicle." (H. P. 195) (L. D. 200)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Orrington School District to Increase its Borrowing Capacity." (H. P. 196) (L. D. 201)

Bill "An Act relating to Property Held by Trustees of Fryeburg Academy." (H. P. 197) (L. D. 202)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption Under Electricians' Licensing Law." (H. P. 198) (L. D. 203)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re Obligations to be Incurred by the Superintending School Committee." (H. P. 199) (L. D. 204)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re the City Planning Board." (H. P. 200) (L. D. 203)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re Compensation of Members of the Council." (H. P. 201) (L. D. 206)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Taverns to Sell Wine and Spirits." (H. P. 202) (L. D. 207)

Which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

"Resolve Permitting the United States Government to Install a UHF Remote Transmitter on State Owned Property at South Portland, Cumberland County." (H. P. 203) (L. D. 208)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Life Rafts by Certain Boats." (H. P. 204) (L. D. 209)

Bill "An Act relating to Record of Proceedings before Public Utilities Commission." (H. P. 205) (L. D. 210)

Bill "An Act relating to Temporary Public Utility Permits for Buses." (H. P. 206) (L. D. 211)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Permitting Harold E. Urquhart of Lubec to Build Weir in Cobscook Bay, Washington County." (H. P. 233) (L. D. 212)

Which was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Rental for Brewer Municipal Court." (H. P. 234) (L. D. 213)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Brewer Municipal Court." (H. P. 235) (L. D. 214)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Councillors of Town of Van Buren." (H. P. 236) (L. D. 215)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Stations for Weighing Vehicles." (H. P. 237) (L. D. 216)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Motor Truck." (H. P. 238) (L. D. 217)

Bill "An Act relating to Paying of Deficiency of Truck Registration Fees." (H. P. 239) (L. D. 218)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Registration of Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 240) (L. D. 219)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

#### Senate Papers Referred to Committees

##### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act to Place Operating Expenses of Liquor Commission under General Fund of the State." (S. P. 119)

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

##### Business Legislation

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Payments of Benefits by Fraternal Beneficiary Societies of Children." (S. P. 120)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

##### Highways

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented

Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956, and June 30, 1957." (S. P. 121)

Mr. Chapman of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act relating to Payments

Received by State from Portland Terminal Company." (S. P. 122)

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Mr. Dunham of Hancock presented Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Deeds of Land of the Penobscot Tribe." (S. P. 123)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Conservators." (S. P. 124)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to the Laws of Divorce." (S. P. 125)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Residence Requirements in Adoptions." (S. P. 126)

Mr. Sinclair of Somerset presented Bill "An Act to Revise the Taxation Laws Relating to Towns." (S. P. 127)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Labor

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Specified Injuries Under the Workmen's Compensation Law." (S. P. 128)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation Benefits Under the Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 129)

Which were referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Eddington School District." (S. P. 130)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Natural Resources

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented

Bill "An Act relating to Leases by State Park Commission." (S. P. 131)

Mr. Butler of Franklin presented "Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands in the Unorganized Territory." (S. P. 132)

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented Bill "An Act relating to Surveys by State Park Commission." (S. P. 133)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Butler of Franklin presented Bill "An Act Providing for Group Life Insurance for State Employees and Teachers." (S. P. 134)

Mr. Dunham of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of a Retirement Allowance for Vera A. Gordon of West Sullivan." (S. P. 135)

Which were referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc presented

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Clifton G. Spinney of Bath." (S. P. 136)

Which was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Taxation

Mr. Chapman of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act Exempting Real and Personal Property Occupied or Used by Tax Exempt Organizations from Taxation." (S. P. 137)

Mr. Sinclair of Somerset presented

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Retail Sale Under Sales Tax Law." (S. P. 138)

Which were referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Towns and Counties

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

Bill "An Act relating to Certain Deductions from Municipal Employees' Salaries by Town Treasurers." (S. P. 139)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Welfare

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Property in Public Assistance." (S. P. 140)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility for Old Age Assistance." (S. P. 141)

Which were referred to the Committee on Welfare and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Dunham of Hancock

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to Francis Ranco, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, and to Joseph A. Nicholas, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, on account of compensation, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.) each, plus mileage.

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hillman of Penobscot

ORDERED, that the Reverend John Brett Fort of Bangor be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the Senate on the morning of February 2, 1955.

Which was read and passed.

#### Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Reid from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction in Equity of Probate Courts." (S. P. 39) (L. D. 25) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Mr. Lessard from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Exempting from Fair Trade Act." (S. P. 50) (L. D. 47) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

Mr. Low from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of the Cary Memorial Hospital in Caribou." (S. P. 34) (L. D. 22) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Reid from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Depositions in Probate Courts." (S. P. 37) (L. D. 24) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act." (S. P. 45) (L. D. 34) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the resolves and bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Crabtree of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Branch of Penobscot River (H. P. 149) (L. D. 149) tabled by that Senator on January 27 pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same Senator, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President, may I inquire if Senate Paper 118, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Dorothy Bates of Hallowell, is still in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the resolve is in the possession of the Senate, having been held at the request of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the resolve was referred to the Committee on Welfare; and on further motion by the same Senator, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Crabtree of Aroostook

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.