

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*Ninety-Seventh Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Wednesday, February 9, 1955

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. James Fitzsimmons of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act relating to Line Budget for Personal Services, Capital Expenditures and Other Expenses for State Departments." (H. P. 405) (L. D. 452)

"Resolve Appropriating Funds for the University of Maine for Administration of Additional Educational Expenditures." (H. P. 406) (L. D. 453)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Fire Alarms for Certain Buildings." (H. P. 407) (L. D. 454)

Bill "An Act relating to Investment of Municipal Trust Funds." (H. P. 408) (L. D. 455)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Approval and Accreditation of Secondary Schools." (H. P. 343) (L. D. 422)

Bill "An Act Ratifying a Proposed Compact Between the State of Maine and Certain Other States Providing for the Establishment of the New England Board of Higher Education." (H. P. 409) (L. D. 456)

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Purchase of the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge." (H. P. 410) (L. D. 457)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Right of Officer to Kill Dogs." (H. P. 411) (L. D. 458)

Bill "An Act relating to Nonresident Trapping License Fees." (H. P. 412) (L. D. 459)

Bill "An Act relating to Trapping for Bear." (H. P. 413) (L. D. 460)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Fishing." (H. P. 414) (L. D. 461)

Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Wild Animals." (H. P. 415) (L. D. 462)

Bill "An Act relating to Archery Licenses." (H. P. 416) (L. D. 463)

Bill "An Act relating to Keeping of Skunks and Raccoons in Captivity." (H. P. 417) (L. D. 464)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Gill Nets." (H. P. 418) (L. D. 465)

Bill "An Act relating to Sporting Camps in Unorganized Territory." (H. P. 420) (L. D. 466)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Beaver." (H. P. 421) (L. D. 467)

Bill "An Act relating to Crop and Orchard Damage." (H. P. 422) (L. D. 468)

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Gray Squirrels." (H. P. 423) (L. D. 469)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Hunting and Fishing Licenses." (H. P. 424) (L. D. 470)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Otter and Fisher." (H. P. 425) (L. D. 471)

Bill "An Act Clarifying Game Management Areas." (H. P. 426) (L. D. 472)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of State Fire Inspectors." (H. P. 363) (L. D. 451)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Mutual Finance Co." (H. P. 427) (L. D. 473)

Bill "An Act relating to Personal Recognizances." (H. P. 429) (L. D. 474)

Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of a Nominee by Banking Institutions Acting in a Fiduciary Capacity." (H. P. 431) (L. D. 475)

Bill "An Act relating to Trespass on Land of Another." (H. P. 428) (L. D. 476)

Bill "An Act to Enlarge the Powers and Purposes of Congregational-Christian Conference in Maine." (H. P. 430) (L. D. 477)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of

the Governor." (H. P. 432) (L. D. 478)

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

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Parkman School District." (H. P. 370) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act to Create the Auburn Parking District." (H. P. 367) (L. D. 424)

Bill "An Act relating to Filling Vacancies in Membership of Council in Fort Kent." (H. P. 433) (L. D. 479)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of Community School District Number One in Fort Kent, Maine." (H. P. 434) (L. D. 480)

Bill "An Act Providing for a 3-year Term of Office for the City Clerk of Lewiston." (H. P. 435) (L. D. 481)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Appointment of a Civil Engineer of the City of Lewiston by the Department of Public Works." (H. P. 436) (L. D. 482)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Lewiston re Elections, Election of Mayor, Aldermen, Warden and Ward Clerk." (H. P. 437) (L. D. 483)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Lewiston re Appointments by Mayor and Membership and Terms of Boards and Commissions." (H. P. 438) (L. D. 484)

Bill "An Act relating to Indebtedness of West Gardiner School District." (H. P. 439) (L. D. 485)

Bill "An Act relating to Special Town Meetings in Town of Mount Desert." (H. P. 440) (L. D. 486)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Local Option for Sale of Malt Liquor by Part-time Hotels." (H. P. 441) (L. D. 487)

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

Bill "An Act relating to the Practice of Optometry." (H. P. 442) (L. D. 488)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Permits and Certificates for Motor Vehicle Carriers." (H. P. 377) (L. D. 412)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment and Duties of Trustees of Presque Isle Sewer District." (H. P. 378) (L. D. 413)

Bill "An Act Repealing Lighting of Railroad Cars by Naphtha." (H. P. 379) (L. D. 414)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of York Sewer District." (H. P. 380) (L. D. 423)

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws on Federal Social Security for Municipal Employees." (H. P. 443) (L. D. 489)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Rita Label of Hamlin." (H. P. 501)

"Resolve Providing State Pension for Emma A. Ulmer of Bucksport." (H. P. 502)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Herbert W. Grindle of Bucksport." (H. P. 503)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Frank Eldridge of Milbridge." (H. P. 504)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Permitting Don H. Saunders of Lubec to Build Weir in Dennys Bay, Washington County." (H. P. 399) (L. D. 415)

Bill "An Act relating to the Digging of Clams in the Town of Lincolnville." (H. P. 400) (L. D. 416)

Bill "An Act regulating the Taking of Alewives in St. George River in the Town of Warren." (H. P. 401) (L. D. 417)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County." (H. P. 402) (L. D. 418)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in Georges River." (H. P. 455) (L. D. 490)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Alna." (H. P. 456) (L. D. 491)

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

Bill "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Raise Money for Christmas Decorations." (H. P. 457) (L. D. 492)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Northern Aroostook Municipal Court." (H. P. 458) (L. D. 493)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Hancock County." (H. P. 459) (L. D. 494)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Overtaking and Passing School Buses and Lights Thereon." (H. P. 404) (L. D. 419)

Bill "An Act relating to the Printing of the Blood Type of the Operator on the Operator's License." (H. P. 403) (L. D. 420)

Which were referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

**House Committee Reports  
Ought Not to Pass**

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Creating a State Athletic Commission and Regulating Wrestling." (H. P. 13) (L. D. 12) reported that the same "Ought not to pass".

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of the Town of Gray School District." (H. P. 154) (L. D. 154) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of H. Tabenken & Co., Inc. of Bangor." (H. P. 40) (L. D. 365) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

(On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Norway Fish and Game Association for Fish Screen at Dam at Norway Lake." (H. P. 58) (L. D. 366) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer on Cran-

berry Isles." (H. P. 103) (L. D. 111) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Opening Roxbury Pond, Oxford County, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 56) (L. D. 62) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer in Long Island Plantation." (H. P. 104) (L. D. 112) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

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

**Referred to Committees**

**Appropriations and Financial  
Affairs**

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act relating to Admittance of and Charges for Patients at State Sanatoriums." (S. P. 212)

Mr. Jamieson of Aroostook presented

"Resolve Extending Appropriation of Money to Improve the Approach to the Fish Way at Aroostook Falls." (S. P. 213)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

Bill "An Act relating to Driver Education." (S. P. 214)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Claims**

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

"Resolve to Reimburse the City of South Portland for Support of Margaret Dawson." (S. P. 215)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Waiver of Indictment." (S. P. 216)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Peremp-

tory Challenges in Criminal Cases." (S. P. 217)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Execution for Attorney's Fees in Divorce Proceedings." (S. P. 218)

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act Repealing Law Granting Letters Testamentary to Executor of Will Pending Appeal." (S. P. 219)

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Cases of Forcible Entry and Detainer of Recorders of Municipal Courts." (S. P. 220)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Labor

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 221)

Mr. St. Pierre of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Partial Incapacity under the Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 222)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act for Death of Employee." (S. P. 223)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Mr. Martin of Kennebec presented  
Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Architects." (S. P. 224)

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Opening and Closing Barber Shops." (S. P. 225)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Liquor Control

Mr. Jamieson of Aroostook presented

Bill "An Act relating to Merchandise Maintained by Retail State Liquor Licensees." (S. P. 226)

Which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Control and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Natural Resources

Mr. Butler of Franklin presented  
Bill "An Act relating to Public Reserved Lots in Baxter State Park." (S. P. 227)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Marie Rose Gagnon of Auburn." (S. P. 228)

The same Senator presented

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bertrand Carrier of Auburn." (S. P. 229)

The same Senator presented

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Antonio Bourget of Lewiston." (S. P. 230)

Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc presented

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Florence Watson of Richmond." (S. P. 231)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Christie Davis of Jonesboro." (S. P. 232)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Towns and Counties

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented  
Bill "An Act relating to Charges for Publication of Notices in Waldo County." (S. P. 233)

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Sheriff of Cumberland County." (S. P. 234)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Transportation**

Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc presented

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspections." (S. P. 235)

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented

Bill "An Act relating to Speed Regulations for Passenger Buses." (S. P. 236)

Mr. Chapman of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act relating to License Plates for Motor Vehicle Owners Who Operate Amateur Radio Stations." (S. P. 237)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

**The following bill was transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, pursuant to Joint Order:**

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act to Amend the Purposes and Powers of Bates Manufacturing Company." (S. P. 238)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Passed to be Engrossed**

**The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bill:**

**Senate**

Bill "An Act Repealing Separate Bids for Purchase of Institutional Supplies." (S. P. 49) (L. D. 46)

Which was read a second time and Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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On motion by Mr. Farley of York  
Adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at one-thirty o'clock.