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Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senators-elect to the Ninety-eighth Legislature convened in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by Chester T. Winslow, Secretary of the Senate of the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Harvey F. Ammerman of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF STATE

To Chester T. Winslow, Secretary of the Senate of the Ninety-seventh Legislature:

In compliance with Section 1 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Senators-elect to the Ninety-eighth Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council under date of September 26, 1956:

First Senatorial District: Peter J. Farley of Biddeford, Andrew J. Fournier of Saco, Andrew J. Hall of North Berwick.

Second Senatorial District: Arthur H. Charles of Portland, George E. Curtis Jr. of Portland, Earl W. Davis of Harrison, Hazel C. Lord of Portland.

Third Senatorial District: Norman K. Ferguson of Hanover, Harold S. Pike of Waterford.

Fourth Senatorial District: Jean Charles Boucher of Lewiston, Alton A. Lessard of Lewiston, Leo St. Pierre of Lewiston.

Fifth Senatorial District: Benjamin Butler of Farmington.

Sixth Senatorial District: Frank R. Bailey of Woolwich.

Seventh Senatorial District: Robert Martin of Augusta, Leo F. Dunn of Augusta, George H. Hurley of Augusta.

Eighth Senatorial District: Miles F. Carpenter of Skowhegan, Roy U. Sinclair of Pittsfield.

Ninth Senatorial District: Clarence W. Parker of Sebec.

Tenth Senatorial District: Robert N. Haskell of Bangor, Earle M.

Hillman of Bangor, Allan Woodcock, Jr. of Bangor.

Eleventh Senatorial District: Wilmot S. Dow of Waldoboro.

Twelfth Senatorial District: Seth Low of Rockland.

Thirteenth Senatorial District: William R. Cole of Liberty.

Fourteenth Senatorial District: William S. Silsby of Aurora, Richard C. Willey of Ellsworth.

Fifteenth Senatorial District: Oscar H. Brown of Eastport, J. Hollis Wyman of Milbridge.

Sixteenth Senatorial District: Ezra James Briggs of Caribou, John H. Reed of Fort Fairfield, Norman R. Rogerson of Houlton.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF

I have caused the Seal of the State to be herewith affixed at Augusta this second day of January, A.D., 1957, (SEAL) and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-first.

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS
Secretary of State

Which was read and placed on file.

Roll Call

The roll being called, the following Senators-elect responded to their names:

Bailey, Boucher, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Carpenter, Charles, Cole, Curtis, Davis, Dow, Dunn, Farley, Ferguson, Fournier, Hall, Haskell, Hillman, Hurley, Lessard, Lord, Low, Martin, Parker, Pike, Reed, Rogerson, Silsby, Sinclair, St. Pierre, Willey, Woodcock, Wyman.

33 Senators-elect having answered to the roll call, the Secretary declared that a quorum was present.

On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, that Senator-elect was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that a quorum of the Senators-elect was present in the Senate Chamber ready to take and subscribe to the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently, Mr. Sinclair reported the Governor was pleased to re-

ply that he would attend upon the Senators-elect forthwith for the purpose of administering to them the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

Thereupon, the Governor, the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, attended by the Executive Council, came in, and the Governor addressed the Senate as follows:

GOVERNOR MUSKIE: Gentlemen: It is a pleasure to be here with you this morning. Mrs. Muskie joins me in welcoming you to Augusta and also she joins me in extending to you our wishes for a satisfying and prosperous new year.

We are here, of course, to attend to the business of the State, and that is going to call for some concentrated attention and long hours. On the other hand, as those of you who are coming here for the second time or more, know, our session has its lighter moments; we have our social life and the opportunity to form close associations and friendships. I know that Mrs. Muskie and I enjoyed that part of it particularly two years ago and we look forward to it again this year. Welcome, and good luck to you with the session ahead.

Now it is my pleasure and a real privilege to administer the oath of office to you, so would you please stand.

Thereupon, the Senators-elect took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

The Governor and Council withdrew from the Senate Chambers.

On motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, the Secretary appointed the following committee to receive, sort and count ballots for the office of the President of the Senate:

Senators: LORD of Cumberland
FERGUSON of Oxford
DUNN of Kennebec

Subsequently the committee reported as follows:

Total number of votes cast 33
Boucher of Androscoggin 8
Haskell of Penobscot 25

Which report was accepted and Robert N. Haskell having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected President of the Senate for the political years 1957 and 1958.

Whereupon Senator Haskell of Penobscot was escorted to the Chair by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin and addressed the Senate as follows:

PRESIDENT HASKELL: Senators: I would indeed be very ungrateful if I did not express sincerely my humble appreciation for this honor of serving as your presiding officer for a second session. I can assure you with equal sincerity that it will be my desire to be your servant. I hope that each one of you will consider the office of the President of the Senate as your office and I hope that each one of you will consider me always available to help you and advise you and that I may be the kind of Senate President who will help to make this a successful session.

I recognize that this session has many difficult problems, probably more difficult problems than any of the sessions since I have been privileged to serve in the Legislature. I think it is very important that the two parties work together, because few if any of the major issues are partisan, and the things that we will accomplish in the State of Maine are things that can be best accomplished by the exercise of collective good judgment and fair, impartial, nonpartisanship action. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, Mr. Parker of Piscataquis was authorized to cast one ballot on the part of the Senate in favor of Chester T. Winslow for Secretary of the Senate.

This being done, Chester T. Winslow of Raymond was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the political years 1957 and 1958.

At the request of the President, Mr. Low of Knox escorted the Secretary-elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of taking and subscribing to the necessary oaths of office to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the Secretary of the Senate.

Subsequently, Mr. Low reported to the Senate that he had attended to the duty assigned to him, and that Chester T. Winslow had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths of office required to qualify him for the dis-

charge of the duties of the Secretary of the Senate.

PRESIDENT HASKELL: I think it entirely proper that as the elected Senate Secretary takes his customary post that the records show a little bit of appreciation that those of us who have been in the Senate have in turn for the quiet, modest job that Chester Winslow does for us. I am very appreciative of his services, and I would suggest that the Senate in some proper way show him our thanks for the conscientious work that he does. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, Mr. Cole of Waldo was authorized to cast one ballot on the part of the Senate in favor of Waldo H. Clark for Assistant Secretary of the Senate. This was done, and Waldo Clark of Jefferson was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate for the political years 1957 and 1958.

Mr. Clark subsequently appeared before James G. Frost, Dedimus Justice, and took and subscribed the oaths of office.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, Mr. Willey of Hancock was authorized to cast one ballot on the part of the Senate in favor of Leland S. King for Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate. This was done, and Leland S. King Sr. of Jefferson was declared elected Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate for the political years 1957 and 1958.

On motion by Mr. Curtis of Cumberland, Mr. Wyman of Washington was authorized to cast one ballot on behalf of the Senate in favor of

John S. Parker
for Assistant Sergeant-at-arms
Howard W. Kimball
for postmaster
Leland F. King, Jr.
for Doorkeeper
Ruth P. Foster for Page
Lois E. Beauchaine for Page

This was done and the President declared the several foregoing officers duly elected.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate had organized

by the choice of the Honorable Robert N. Haskell as President, the Honorable Chester T. Winslow as Secretary, and Waldo H. Clark as Assistant Secretary.

That Senator retired to the House of Representatives and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The **PRESIDENT:** Is it the pleasure of the Senate that we now take up matters relating to organization of the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules?

The Senate so voted.

Orders

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years 1957 and 1958 be referred to a joint select committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join. (S. P. 1)

Which was read and passed.

Sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

The President appointed:
Senators:

LORD of Cumberland
CARPENTER of Somerset
PIKE of Oxford
BROWN of Washington
LESSARD of Androscoggin
FOURNIER of York

On motion by Mr. Butler of Franklin,

ORDERED, that a committee of seven be appointed by the President, to whom the returns of votes for Senators for the political years of 1957 and 1958 shall be referred for examination and report.

Which was read and passed.

The President appointed:

Senators:

BUTLER of Franklin
HILLMAN of Penobscot
LOW of Knox
DOW of Lincoln
BRIGGS of Aroostook
BOUCHER of Androscoggin
HALL of York

Communication from the Depart-

ment of State, transmitting the Gubernatorial vote:

STATE OF MAINE
Department of State

Augusta, January 2, 1957

To the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-eighth Legislature of the State of Maine:

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 Governor in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the General Election held on September 10, 1956. (S. P. 2)

Respectfully,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS
Secretary of State

Which communication was referred to the Committee on Gubernatorial Vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from the Department of State, transmitting the Senatorial vote:

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF
STATE

Augusta, Maine, January 2, 1957

To the President of the Senate:

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 State Senators in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine at the General Election held on September 10, 1956.

Respectfully,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS
Secretary of State

Which communication was read and referred to the Committee on Senatorial Vote.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Franklin,

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to invite clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the Senate.

Which was read and passed.

At this point, a message was received from the House of Represen-

tatives through its clerk Harvey R. Pease, that the House had organized by the choice of Joseph T. Edgar as Speaker, Harvey R. Pease as Clerk, and E. May Chapman as Assistant Clerk.

On motion by Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook,

ORDERED, that the Official Reporter of the Senate be authorized to procure the services of an assistant reporter and typist during the present session.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin,

ORDERED, that subordinate officers of the Senate be appointed as follows: by the President, a Secretary to the President; by the Secretary, a Secretary to the Secretary, a Secretary to the Assistant Secretary, and a Recording Secretary.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland,

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to secure uniforms for the subordinate officers of the Senate.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Dunn of Kennebec,

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate prepare and have printed one hundred and fifty diagrams of the Senate Chamber for the use of the Senate.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Silsby of Hancock,

ORDERED, that the rules of the Senate of the Ninety-seventh Legislature be the rules of this Senate.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot,

ORDERED, that the Senate hold one session a day commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon until otherwise ordered.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 97th Leg-

islature be the Joint Rules of this Legislature. (S. P. 3)

Which was read and passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that three hundred twenty-five (325) copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1957 be printed and bound, one copy for each of the members of the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that four hundred (400) 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; and be it further

ORDERED, that suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. (S. P. 4)

Which was read and passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Oxford,
ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. (S. P. 5)

Which was read and passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hurley of Kennebec,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby given charge of all assignments of rooms for hearings in the Capitol Building, and that all applications for rooms for hearings must be made to him in writing, forty-eight hours previous to the time when said rooms are to be used for that purpose. (S. P. 6)

Which was read and passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington,

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General; Commr. of Agriculture; State Auditor and seven Executive Councilors.

Which was read and passed.

The Secretary delivered the message.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House of Representatives through Mr. Pease its Clerk, announcing that that branch concurred in the proposition of the Senate for a Joint Convention for the purposes stated.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox
Recessed until one o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The President appointed as Senate members on the Committee on Reference of Bills,

Senators:

LOW of Knox

BOUCHER of Androscoggin.

At this point, the Senate retired to 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.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notes in the Senate Chamber, the presence of a distinguished former legislator and the Chair asks Senator Low of Knox to escort to the rostrum, the Honorable James Reid. The Chair would ask Mr. Reid how it feels to be an ex-Senator.

The Senator from Knox, Senator Low escorted to the rostrum, Hon. James Reid.

Mr. REID: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I won't make any observations. I haven't

had time enough to find out yet just how it feels to be an ex-Senator. I would like to say that if I can be of assistance to any of you, no matter which party you belong to, I will be very happy to help. (Applause)

Committee Report

The Joint Select Committee of the Ninety-eighth Legislature on returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years 1957 and 1958, has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the whole number of votes re-

turned for Governor was 304,649; and that Willis A. Trafton, Jr. of Auburn had 124,395 votes; and that Edmund S. Muskie of Waterville had 180,254 votes.

(Signed) Hazel C. Lord,
Chairman on the part
of the Senate

Robert G. Wade,
Chairman on the part
of the House

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox,
Adjourned until tomorrow morn-
ing at ten o'clock.