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OF THE

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SENATE

Tuesday, January 8, 1957

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Alton E. Maxell of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin Journal of last Thursday, read and approved.

Communication**STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER**

Augusta, Maine
January 2, 1957

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with the Constitution of the State I herewith communicate to the Legislature each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted during the years 1955 and 1956, stating the name of the convict, the crime of which he was convicted, the sentence and its date, the date of reprieve, remission, commutation of sentence, and the condition, if any, upon which the same was granted.

(Signed) EDMUND S. MUSKIE
Governor

(S. P. 17)

Read and ordered placed on file.
Sent to the House.

Communication**STATE OF MAINE
Director of Legislative
Research**

Augusta
January 8, 1957

To Honorable Chester T. Winslow, Secretary of the Senate of the 98th Legislature:

In accordance with Subsection IX of Section 27 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby submit the report of the Director of Legislative Research.

Since a new revision of the public laws of Maine has been enacted by the 96th Legislature, it is suggested that any criticisms of the 1954 Revision, whether constructive or otherwise, be forwarded to the Direc-

tor for aid in planning future revisions.

In order to facilitate the work of the Legislature, this office sent letters to each administrative department and each member of the present Legislature urging the use of the available facilities of the office in the preparation of bills to be introduced. Over 200 acts and resolves were drafted before the Legislature was convened and it is hoped that such cooperation may be continued and extended in the future.

The members of the Legislature are reminded that the Senate and House rules provide that the members who present bills, resolves and petitions must sign them.

In order to continue and promote uniformity of procedure, to avoid confusion and to permit an orderly transition from Revision to Revision, all bills, before presentation to the Legislature, should be checked by the office of the Director. The cooperation of the members of the 98th Legislature in this respect is earnestly requested.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL H. SLOSBERG
Director

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, under suspension of the rules,

ORDERED, that all petitions, memorials, papers, bills and resolves shall be deposited in the Senate hopper by one o'clock p.m. of each day, in order to be introduced and received in the Senate on the following Legislative day.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, ORDERED, the House concurring, that S. P. 3, a Joint Order relative to Joint Rules of Legislature, be recalled to the Senate from the files. (S. P. 16)

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

MR. LOW of Knox: Mr. President, I now move that the Senate, under Rule 36, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the desirability of a

Joint Standing Committee on State Government and a Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Revision.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Knox, Senator Low, moves that the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the desirability of a Joint Select Committee on State Government and a Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Revision. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will request the Senator from Hancock, Senator Silsby, to be Chairman of that Committee of the Whole, and the Chair would also note that in this respect he sees no reason for the Senate asking our guests to leave. The Chair also sees no need that the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole be made a part of the record so far as the Legislative Record is concerned.

The Chair would also note for the benefit of the new members, both of the Legislature and of the Senate, that this is an opportunity to note the ease with which the Senate can discuss, without the procedures and limitations of parliamentary procedure any problem that is of joint interest to the Senate.

The Sergeant-at-Arms will escort the Senator to the Rostrum.

(The Senate thereupon resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.)

In the Senate

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Davis of Cumberland,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and House as advances on account of compensation established by statute, the amount of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) fortnightly, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House respectively; and that the final payrolls bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. (S. P. 18)

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would note that in the possession of the Senate is the order relating to the adoption of the Joint Rules of the last legislative session.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby S. P. 3 was passed and that Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:

Senate Amendment A: "Senate Amendment A to S. P. 3 Amend said order by adding thereto the following 'except that Rule 1 of the Joint Rules shall include a committee on State Government.'"

Which amendment was adopted and the order as so amended was passed.

Ordered sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

Committee Report

Mr. Butler from the Committee on Senatorial Vote for the political years 1957 and 1958, reported that a complete tabulation of the Senatorial Vote is too bulky for the files, and that the same be placed on file in the office of the Secretary of State for inspection and examination by the Senators.

Which report was read and accepted.

Ordered placed on file.

Papers From the House

Out of Order and under suspension of the rules:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that a Joint Select Committee be created, to consist of 10 members on the part of the House and 5 members on the part of the Senate, to consider the need for constitutional revisions. The Committee so created shall be empowered to consider such bills and resolves as may be referred to it and is also empowered to report to the Legislature such bills and resolves relating to constitutional amendments as the Committee deems desirable. The Committee shall be designated as the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Comes from the House, read and passed, and ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The Speaker appointed members on the part of House:

Representatives:

CURTIS of Bowdoinham
BROWNE of Bangor
BEYER of Cape Elizabeth
EARLES of South Portland
HANCOCK of York
WALKER of Auburn
TEVANIAN of Portland
BRODERICK of Portland
EMMONS of Kennebunk
BEANE of Augusta

At this point, the President nominated the following members of the Senate, to the Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture

Senators: Bailey of Sagadahoc
Dow of Lincoln
Reed of Aroostook

**Appropriations
and Financial Affairs**

Senators: Sinclair of Somerset
Davis of Cumberland
Lessard of Androscoggin

Business Legislation

Senators: Charles of Cumberland
Pike of Oxford
Hurley of Kennebec

Claims

Senators: Silsby of Hancock
Briggs of Aroostook
Fournier of York

Correctional Institutions

Senators: Willey of Hancock
Briggs of Aroostook
Dunn of Kennebec

Education

Senators: Low of Knox
Dow of Lincoln
Curtis of Cumberland

Highways

Senators: Parker of Piscataquis
Cole of Waldo
Ferguson of Oxford

Inland Fisheries and Game

Senators: Carpenter of Somerset
Hillman of Penobscot
Hall of York

Judiciary

Senators: Silsby of Hancock
Woodcock of Penobscot
Butler of Franklin

Labor

Senators: Curtis of Cumberland
Hillman of Penobscot
St. Pierre of Androscoggin

Liquor Control

Senators: Carpenter of Waldo
Willey of Hancock
Boucher of Androscoggin

Natural Resources

Senators: Butler of Franklin
Ferguson of Oxford
Farley of York

Public Health

Senators: Lord of Cumberland
Briggs of Aroostook
St. Pierre of Androscoggin

Public Utilities

Senators: Martin of Kennebec
Rogerson of Aroostook
Lessard of Androscoggin

Retirements and Pensions

Senators: Davis of Cumberland
Low of Knox
Dunn of Kennebec

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Senators: Brown of Washington
Bailey of Sagadahoc
Hurley of Kennebec

State Government

Senators: Rogerson of Aroostook
Pike of Oxford
Lessard of Androscoggin

Taxation

Senators: Low of Knox
Wyman of Washington
Boucher of Androscoggin

Towns and Counties

Senators: Wyman of Washington
Lord of Cumberland
Farley of York

Transportation

Senators: Cole of Waldo
Rogerson of Aroostook
Hall of York

Veterans Affairs

Senators: Brown of Washington
Pike of Oxford
Farley of York

Welfare

Senators: Reed of Aroostook
Cole of Waldo
Boucher of Androscoggin

The nominations were confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Low of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. LOW: Mr. President and members of the Senate: We will shortly adjourn until tomorrow morning, leaving us all of today with possibly not very much to do. However, I would like to point out

that the Director of Research, Samuel Slosberg, is available now and has some time, and that it is a wonderful time to make some progress on the bills that everyone has to put in. I hope that the members will take advantage of the fact that Mr. Slosberg is less busy now than he will be later on.

If there is no further business to come before the Senate, the Secretary will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Wyman of Washington,

Adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.