

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Thursday, January 17, 1957

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Reverend Herbert S. Craig of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland, Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Order**

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 22, 1957, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 47)

Which was read and passed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Order  
(Out of Order)**

Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on State Government be authorized to report to the Legislature such bills and resolves as the committee deem necessary and which have direct reference to the subject-matter contained in the report on State Government as made by the Public Administration Service.

Mr. Rogerson: Mr. President, in support of the order and for the information of the members of the Senate, I would like to say that this morning the Committee on Governor's Message met with the Governor and discussed among other things the Committee on State Government and its activities. It appears that there is going to be a mass of material to be considered by that committee, and the feeling is that perhaps it should not be done hastily. Therefore we are asking for this extension of time for filing bills. It is agreed upon by the minority members as well as others.

Thereupon the order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

**House Papers**

"Resolve in Favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for Support and Maintenance of Montpelier." (H. P. 28) (L. D. 41)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees to be Paid to Insurance Commissioner for Division of Fire Prevention." (H. P. 29) (L. D. 42)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Georgianna Berthiaume of Oakland." (H. P. 47)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

"Resolve Designating Part of Route No. 9 as a State Highway." (H. P. 30) (L. D. 43)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Burning of Motor Vehicles, Airplanes and Boats." (H. P. 31) (L. D. 44)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Explosives and Inflammable Liquids." (H. P. 32) (L. D. 45)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition and Installations Under Oil Burner Law." (H. P. 33) (L. D. 46)

Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Dixfield Village Corporation." (H. P. 34) (L. D. 47)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Special Town Meetings in Town of Vassalboro." (H. P. 35) (L. D. 48)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salary of Executive Secretaries of Electricians Board and Oil Burnermen's Board." (H. P. 36) (L. D. 49)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Administration of Fire Prevention Laws." (H. P. 37) (L. D. 50)

Which were referred to the Committee on State Government, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to State Liquor Tax." (H. P. 38) (L. D. 51)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Northern Cumberland Municipal Court." (H. P. 39) (L. D. 52)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Splash Guards for Motor Trucks." (H. P. 40) (L. D. 53)

Bill, "An Act Revising Law Relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration." (H. P. 41) (L. D. 54)

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

Mr. Martin of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. President and members of the Senate: As in the past, this year again there will be seven legislative dances. The first three will be sponsored by the citizens of Augusta, the next three by the Legislature, and the last one by the Augusta House. The cost of the tickets for the entire series is five dollars a couple. The tickets are non-transferrable, and I would call to the attention of the members that while the Legislature from their proceeds of the tickets has enough to take care of the dances and for gifts which are given to deserving members of the Senate and House, that the citizens of Augusta have to pay for dances out of money from the sale of tickets, so I hope that, so far as possible, the members will be careful that too many tickets do not get into the hands of outsiders. The tickets are now available and the pages will gladly take your donation of five dollars this week or next week. The first dance is on Wednesday night, January 30th and dances will follow every two weeks thereafter.

PRESIDENT HASKELL: Section 246 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, provides that the President of the Senate shall appoint

a member of the Maine School Building Authority, and the Chair at this time is pleased to have the privilege of appointing a Senate member who has been a devoted servant in the cause of education, service to the Legislature and service to youngsters of the State. The Chair would ask the members to rise as I appoint Senator Wilmot S. Dow as a member of that committee.

(Applause, members rising)

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION  
State of Maine  
Augusta

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-eighth Legislature:

We have the honor to present a factual report entitled "Maine-Quebec Highway Study."

This report has been prepared in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Public Roads as the result of a resolve of the Ninety-seventh Legislature, Chapter 98 of Resolves of 1955. A full copy of the resolve is included as a part of the report.

Respectfully,

(Signed) DAVID H. STEVENS  
Chairman

(S. P. 48) CLARENCE S. CROSBY  
HAROLD B. EMERY  
State Highway  
Commission

Read and ordered placed on file.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Papers

The following bills and resolves were received, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Highways

Mr. COLE of Waldo presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Obstructions to View at Railroad Crossings." (S. P. 49)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Time of Payments by Counties and Towns Under Bridge Act." (S. P. 50)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Mr. Charles of Cumberland presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Employees of Maine Maritime Academy Receiving Federal Social Security Benefits." (S. P. 51)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Repealing Certain Laws Relating to Foreign Banking Corporations and Loan and Building Associations." (S. P. 52)

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented Bill "An Act Relating to Rules of Descent." (S. P. 53)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Mr. Sinclair of Somerset presented

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of the Town of Hartland School District." (S. P. 54)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

### Public Health

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act Changing the Name of Pownal State School to Pineland Hospital and Training Center." (S. P. 55)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Towns and Counties

Mr. Fournier of York presented Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries of Judge and Recorder of Saco Municipal Court." (S. P. 56)

Mr. Martin of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Deputy Treasurer, Kennebec County." (S. P. 57)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Payment of Fees by Clerks of the Judicial Courts." (S. P. 58)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

### Transportation

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Speed Regulations for Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 59)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Minimum Speed of Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 60)

On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo the two bills were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHARLES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would suggest that we reconsider our former action taken earlier today whereby we referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Bill, An Act Repealing Certain Laws Relating to Foreign Banking Corporations and Loan and Building Associations, (S. P. 52) I say this because I do not think there are any complications on this particular bill and knowing that the Judiciary Committee has sufficient work of its own I move that the bill be referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Silsby of Hancock, the bill was laid upon the table pending motion by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Charles that the Senate reconsider its former action whereby the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 22 at ten o'clock in the morning.