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SENATE

Thursday, January 21, 1960

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Alton E. Maxell of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Willey of Hancock,

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Communication

State of Maine
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Office of the Clerk
Augusta

January 20, 1960

Honorable Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate
99th Legislature

Sir:

The House yesterday accepted the resignation of Mr. Briggs of Portland as a member of the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

The Speaker yesterday appointed the following members of the House to fill vacancies in the membership of Joint Standing Committees:

Mr. Briggs of Portland to the Committee on Public Health

Mr. Hinds of South Portland to the Committee on Towns and Counties

Mrs. Shepard of Stonington to the Committee on Business Legislation

Mr. Whitney of Winn to the Committee on Education

Mr. Hichborn of Medford Township to the Committee on Agriculture

Mr. Varney of Eliot to the Committee on Public Utilities

The Speaker also designated as House Chairmen of Joint Standing Committees to fill vacancies, the following:

Mr. Perry of Hampden, Committee on Towns and Counties

Mr. Hughes of St. Albans, Committee on Business Legislation.

The Speaker also announced the appointment of Mr. Heald of Union to fill a vacancy on the Maine Commission on Interstate Cooperation.

Respectfully,

(Signed) HARVEY R. PEASE
Clerk of the House.

Communication from the Secretary of the Senate

State of Maine
SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Members of the Senate of the Ninety-ninth Legislature meet in this Special Session with a very deep sense of the loss of an esteemed and beloved member, Honorable Oscar H. Brown of Washington County, who passed away on August 12, 1959, and

WHEREAS, in his unusually long and faithful service of one term in the House of Representatives and six terms in the Senate, with few words on the record, Oscar H. Brown leaves lasting achievement in friendships among his colleagues and constituents, and accomplishment in public service without arousing antagonism or rancor, and

WHEREAS, the Members of this Senate long will feel the loss of a fine friend, who exemplified the gentle art of serenity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Maine has lost a faithful and valued public servant, and the Members of the Senate lament the departure of an esteemed and trusted friend, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to his family.

Which was read and adopted.

**Senate Papers
Referred to Committee
Public Utilities**

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Maintenance and Operation of a Dam at the Outlet of Sebec Lake." (S. P. 534) (L. D. 1441)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

Ought to Pass

Mr. Bates from the Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 9." (S. P. 523) (L. D. 1430) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Dow from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute

School Administrative District No. 5." (S. P. 524) (L. D. 1431) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of the Wiscasset School District." (S. P. 532) (L. D. 1439) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Charles from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Increasing the Indebtedness of the Town of Palmyra School District." (S. P. 533) (L. D. 1440) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Identification Numbers and Disposition of Fines Under Boating Law." (S. P. 525) (L. D. 1432)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Papers from the House
(Out of Order)**

ORDERED, the Senate concurring that the Commissioner of Finance immediately set aside and designate for the use of the legislators during this special session, the same parking area adjacent to the State House as was reserved for that purpose during the regular session of the Ninety-ninth Legislature.

Comes from the House read and passed.

In the Senate, read and passed in concurrence.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Dow of Lincoln was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. DOW of Lincoln: Mr. President and members of the Senate: It is my sincere hope that all of the members of this Senate will weigh and weigh carefully all the serious problems that we are faced with in our educational structure statewide and until all of the facts have been presented. I have been dismayed in the past by a feeling that opinions were formed and commitments made, though honest and sincere, before the final presentation of both sides of controversial issues. Let us not trade horses or play politics with the destinies of our children, but, instead use our best individual sound judgment, which, in my opinion cannot be conclusively and justly formed by haste or gestures of personal compatibility.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair thanks the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow, for his remarks and we certainly will consider them.

Mr. WOODCOCK of Penobscot: Before reading the adjournment order I would like to urge each committee chairman to call his committee into executive session if the need is there, unless otherwise occupied. I think if we adopt the policy of using all deliberate speed we can point to an adjournment sometime late next week. Quite a lot of it, of course, depends on the timing of the committee reports.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.