

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Legislative Record

SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 22, 1940

panied the Partial Report of the Committee created by Joint Order, H. P. 2254, of the following witnesses: George O'Donnell, Ellen Cunningham, Agnes Faulkner, Arthur Freeman; and forward such copies to the County Attorney of Androscoggin County for presentation by him to the Grand Jury of Androscoggin County;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate cause to be made photostatic copies of the following exhibits: Number 1 O'Donnell testimony, Numbers 1, 2 and 3 Freeman testimony; and forward such photostatic copies to the County Attorney of Androscoggin County for presentation by him to the Grand Jury of Androscoggin County (S. P. 780)

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House:

On motion by Mr. Varney of Berwick, the Order was tabled pending passage in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Repealing the Constitutional Provisions relating to the Office of Treasurer of State (S. P. 770) (L. D. 1254)

Comes from the Senate, in that body given its several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee.

In the House:

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: Mr. Speaker, is that Resolve very long?

The SPEAKER: The Clerk informs the Chair that the Resolve has been printed as L. D. 1254. Does the gentleman desire the document to be read?

Mr. BUZZELL: Yes, Mr. Speaker, if it is not too long.

The Resolve was then read by the Clerk.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the Resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence without reference to a committee.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Veterans' Graves" (S. P. 774)

Comes from the Senate, in that body received by unanimous consent, given its several readings under suspension of the rules and

passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee.

In the House:

Mr. LaFLEUR of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill lie upon the table.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the reception of the Bill by unanimous consent. Does the gentleman desire to request unanimous consent to address the House?

Mr. LaFLEUR: Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared at this time to discuss the merits of the particular Bill, as there is a gentleman from Portland arriving at 2 P. M. with certain information.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman will have to ask unanimous consent if he wishes to address the House.

Mr. LaFLEUR: Mr. Speaker, may I have the unanimous consent to address the House?

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. LaFLEUR: Mr. Speaker, my reason for placing this Bill upon the table is for the reason that this Bill or a similar Bill was passed at the regular session of this Legislature, at which time the sum of five thousand dollars was appropriated to carry on the work of the registration of Veterans' graves in the State of Maine. It is my understanding that the Federal Government as of the present date has given to the State of Maine rising eighty thousand dollars. An appropriation of five thousand dollars for administrative expense is now exacted, and we are asking this House if they are willing to pass an additional appropriation of five thousand dollars to carry on the work in the State. The Federal Government is prepared to advance eighty thousand dollars more. Before the matter was finally placed before you, I wanted to place upon the desks of each Legislator a statement of how the five thousand dollars was actually spent, who received the money, what it was paid for, how the eighty thousand dollars was expended in the State, and the plans for the future on this registration of graves. I felt that the House was entitled to know how this money was being spent, what progress was being made, and what plan we had for the future, so that you might intelligently vote upon the particular Bill.

Now if the procedure is to have this Bill unanimously received in this body, I hope this House will grant that request, and I assure