

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*One Hundred and Seventh
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1975

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Thursday, May 8, 1975

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Bertram F. Wentworth of Mechanic Falls:

Our dear heavenly Father, we are thankful to be here today and to be part of a state and nation whose ideal is under God. We regret we have not always followed Thy will in the state and the nation. We are sorry for the dark pages of history and we are not proud of these dark pages. We are glad for the noble chapters that tell of good service and unselfish efforts to serve the public good. We are thankful for all that work for the public welfare, for the lobbies that aid in good government. Help these members to guard themselves against the others.

We know, our Father, there are many problems that trouble this state and we pray that Thy blessing shall be upon the affairs of today in this assembly. We pray that they shall seek your guidance as they work for good solutions. If we are to have in our state a government of the people, by the people, for the people, we know that the members of this Senate must remember the vows that they took when they entered office. Help them to hold to these ideals unswervingly, and when they have finished their terms may they hear from Thee that welcome plaudit "Well done, good and faithful servants. Thou hast been faithful in the offices of government. Enter thou into the satisfactions of a clear conscience." These things we ask in the name of our God. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

**Papers from the House
Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act to Equalize the Retail Price of Alcoholic Beverages Throughout the State." (H. P. 403) (L. D. 492)

In the House May 5, 1975, the Minority report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

In the Senate May 6, 1975, the Majority Ought Not to Pass report Read and Accepted, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having Insisted.

Mr. Graffam of Cumberland moved that the Senate Adhere.

Mr. Conley of Cumberland then moved that the Senate Recede and Concur.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Johnston of Aroostook, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending the motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland to Recede and Concur.

Non-concurrent Matter

Resolve, to Adjust the Retirement Allowance under the State Retirement Law for Donald A. Yeaton of Winthrop. (S. P. 450) (L. D. 1509)

In the Senate April 30, 1975, the Majority Ought Not to Pass report Read and Accepted.

Comes from the House, the Minority report Read and Accepted and the Resolve Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-258), in non-concurrence.

Mr. Speers of Kennebec moved that the Senate Recede and Concur, and Mr. O'Leary of Oxford subsequently requested a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, I would remind the Senate that this was debated two days ago in the Senate. There is now a

fiscal note added to the documentation showing that it will cost a little over \$12,000 to make this bill into law, and I would remind the Senate of the consistent policy that has been followed in these cases thus far this year.

The PRESIDENT: A division has been requested on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, that the Senate recede and concur with the House. Will all those Senators in favor of the motion to recede and concur please rise in their places until counted.

A division was had. 10 having voted in the affirmative, and 14 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to Adhere.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.50 an Hour." (H. P. 148) (L. D. 173)

In the House April 23, 1975, Report "A" Read and Accepted and the Bill, in New Draft, (H. P. 1520) (L. D. 1833) Passed to be Engrossed.

In the Senate April 29, 1975, Report "B" Read and Accepted and the Bill, in New Draft, (H. P. 1521) (L. D. 1834) Passed to be Engrossed, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having Insisted.

Mr. Conley of Cumberland moved that the Senate Recede and Concur.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers.

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, this matter has been amply debated and the position of this body is perfectly clear. I would urge the Senate to vote against the motion to recede and concur, and would ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, that the Senate recede and concur with the House. Will all those Senators in favor of receding and concurring with the House please rise in their places until counted.

A division was had. Five having voted in the affirmative, and 20 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to Adhere.

**Joint Order
STATE OF MAINE**

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of the Westbrook High School Stage Band State Champions for the Year 1975

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (H. P. 1566)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Joint Order
STATE OF MAINE**

In the Year Of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-five.

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Hancock County Spelling Champion

1975

Laurel Beeler

of

Blue Hill

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (H. P. 1570)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Joint Order
STATE OF MAINE**

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-five

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of

GraniteCityGrange No. 548

of

Hallowell

50th Anniversary 1925-1975

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (H. P. 1571)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Corson of Somerset,
STATE OF MAINE

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Five

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of

Mrs. Nina E. Boston

Upon Retirement

After 34 Years of Dedicated

Public Service to the

Municipality of Athens

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (S. P. 516)