

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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AUGUSTA, MAINE

**SENATE**

Thursday, June 26, 1975

Senate called to order by the President.  
Prayer by the Honorable Walter W. Hichens of Eliot:

May we pray. Our Lord and our God, I thank Thee for the privilege of opening this 107th Legislative session with prayer, as we look forward to a productive and educational session. Now as we end this session we reflect on the past six months, knowing that there have been productive accomplishments. There have been personal disappointments with laws passed and not passed, there have been heated discussions, but we thank Thee that 99 percent of the time we have disagreed without being disagreeable, and it has been an education. Lord, we thank Thee for the dedicated leadership and the decorum maintained throughout this session. We thank Thee for the dedicated staff, secretaries, pages, assistants and all. We look back, Lord, and to a Senator can truthfully say it was good to have been here. We look ahead, Lord, and ask Thy blessing upon each one of us, realizing that the future alone is in Thine hands. For Thy presence with us each day we say thank you, Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

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

Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws." (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1760)

In the Senate June 25, 1975. Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-351) as amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-355) "B" (S-362), "E" (S-361), "F" (S-365), "H" (S-369) and by House Amendments "B" (H-823), "C" (H-828), and "G" (H-835). There to, and Senate Amendments "A" (S-352), "C" (S-356), "E" (S-368), "F" (S-370), and "G" (S-371) and House Amendments "A" (H-814), "B" (H-821), "C" (H-831), "D" (H-832) and "E" (H-836), in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House. Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by Senate Amendments "A", "B", "E", "F", and "H", and House Amendments "B", "C", "G". There to, and Senate Amendments "A", "C", "E", "F" and "G", and House Amendments "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F" (H-840), "G" (H-842) and "H" (H-843), in non-concurrence.

Mr. Collins of Knox then moved that the Senate Recede and Concur.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, as now before us, all that we did yesterday has been confirmed and there have been three amendments added by the other body. One adds the provision to the Howland Water District charter concerning its bonds. The second includes certain Indians under the provision for free hunting and fishing licenses, certain Indians not in established tribes with governors who were inadvertently overlooked in writing that law. The last one involves the motor vehicle licensing law, and says that horse trailers that carry not more than four horses are exempted from the new title certificate requirements. Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to recede and concur with the House?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reeves.

On motion by Mr. Reeves of Kennebec, a division was had. 24 having voted in the affirmative, and one having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

**Joint Order**

WHEREAS, the present recession has caused a level of unemployment in Maine of 10%; and

WHEREAS, the provision of unemployment benefits for this large number of unemployed workers has caused a serious depletion of the unemployment compensation fund; and

WHEREAS, hearings held before the Legislature during the regular session of the 107th Legislature have shown that serious inequities and deficiencies exist in the current statutes relating to unemployment; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Council through the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, be authorized to conduct a thorough study of the unemployment statutes of this State, including but not limited to, a study of eligibility limitations for collecting unemployment compensation, the level of statutory benefits provided for those eligible for unemployment compensation, and the rates paid by employers to support unemployment compensation insurance; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Council report the results of its finding together with any proposed recommendations and necessary implementing legislation to the next special or regular session of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, Upon passage in concurrence, that suitable copies of this order be transmitted forthwith to said agencies as notice of this directive. (H. P. 1775)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled, pending Passage.

**Communications**

STATE OF MAINE

One Hundred and Seventh Legislature

House of Representatives

Office of the Clerk

Augusta, Maine 04330

June 25, 1975

Honorable Harry N. Starbranch

Secretary of the Senate

107th Legislature

Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Speaker appointed the following conferees to the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Executive Council and Reassign its Constitutional Powers to the Governor (H. P. 16) (L. D. 24):

Representatives:

TIERNEY of Durham

CARPENTER of Houlton

SNOWE of Auburn

Respectfully,

Signed:

EDWIN H. PERT

Clerk of the House

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

**Enactors**

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Resolve, Proposing Study of the Implementation of State Ferry Service on Casco Bay. (H. P. 1154) (L. D. 1448)

(On motion by Mr. Huber of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the following unassigned matter:

Joint Order — Relative to Legislative Council study of funding of Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the General Fund. (H. P. 1771)

Tabled — June 24, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Passage.

(In the House — Read and Passed.)

On further motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the Joint Order was Indefinitely Postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the following unassigned matter:

Joint Order — Relative to Joint Select Committee to be established to study subject matter of L. D. 566. (S. P. 604)

Tabled — June 24, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Passage.

On further motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the Joint Order was Indefinitely Postponed.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,

Recessed until the sound of the bell.

**After Recess**

Called to order by the President.

**Papers from the House**

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to take up the following:

**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 Mr. and Mrs. Olden D. Tapley of West Brooksville Celebrating Their 70th Wedding Anniversary on June 25, 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. 1777)

Comes from the House. Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Joint Order**

WHEREAS, there are more than 100 policy-making and policy-implementing positions in State Government below the