

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

One Hundred and Fifth

Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1971

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Tuesday, February 9, 1971
Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Walter R. Brown of Randolph.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

House Papers

Bills and Resolution today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence.

Communications

State of Maine
House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk
Augusta, Maine

February 5, 1971

Hon. Harry N. Starbranch
Secretary of the Senate
105th Legislature
Sir:

The Speaker today appointed the following members to serve on the Advisory Committee of Health and Welfare:

Mr. GILL of South Portland
Mrs. DOYLE of Bangor

Respectfully,
S/BERTHA W. JOHNSON
Clerk of the House

Which was Read and Ordered
Placed on File.

(Off Record Remarks)

Senate Papers Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Danton of York presented, Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds for Drug Rehabilitation in York County." (S. P. 206) (L. D. 639)

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Mr. Anderson of Hancock presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to Appoint a Special Warden or Caretaker." (S. P. 207) (L. D. 640)

Which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Danton of York presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to Voting on Charter Amendments under Municipal Home Rule Law." (S. P. 208) (L. D. 641)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Mr. Danton of York presented, Bill, "An Act to Create the Saco River Environmental Advisory Committee." (S. P. 209) (L. D. 642)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Hichens of York presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Color of School Buses no longer Used for School Purposes." (S. P. 210) (L. D. 643)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Marcotte of York,

WHEREAS, the private and special laws of 1941, chapter 69 created the Maine Turnpike Authority for purposes of providing an expressway from a point at or near Kittery to a point at or near Fort Kent, Aroostook County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government and the State of Maine have set up a system of interstate highways; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Act an expressway was built between Kittery and Augusta; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Maine Turnpike has been designated for inclusion in said interstate highway system; and

WHEREAS, payment of tolls on said highway places a burden on

users of that section of designated highway; and

WHEREAS, existing tolls create congestion on Route No. 1 and other alternate routes; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Special Joint Select Committee of Inquiry be appointed to study, review and analyze the operations of the Maine Turnpike Authority, its financial structure and the feasibility of reverting the Maine Turnpike to the State of Maine; and be it further

ORDERED, that said committee consist of 3 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and 7 members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this order; and said committee shall elect its own chairman and such other officers as it deems desirable; and be it further

ORDERED, that this special committee reports its findings and recommendations forthwith to the 105th Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that all departments and agencies of State Government shall cooperate with the committee and are directed to provide such technical and other assistance as the committee deems necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Order, including but not limited to personnel and staff as a part of their regular employment; and be it further

ORDERED, that there is allocated to this special committee from the Legislative Appropriation the sum of \$3,000 to carry out the purposes of this Order; and be it further

ORDERED, that the special committee shall have the authority to employ professional and clerical assistance as they deem necessary within the limits of funds provided; and be it further

ORDERED, that in the discharge of its duties, this special committee shall have the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses

and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony and to cause the deposition of witnesses, either residing within or without the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions in the Superior Court. In case of disobedience on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in behalf of the committee, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the Superior Court of any county, on application of a member of the committee, to compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein. Each witness who appears before the committee by its order, other than a state officer or employee, shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by such witnesses and approved by the chairman of the committee.

(S. P. 205)

Which was Read.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled and specially assigned for February 11, 1971, pending Consideration.

Committee Reports House

The Following Ought Not to Pass reports shall be placed in the legislative files without further action pursuant to Rule 17-A of the Joint Rules:

Bill, "An Act Regulating Use of Power boats on Certain Portion of East Machias River, Washington County." (H. P. 191) (L. D. 248)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Jurisdiction of Juvenile Courts Over Offenses Relating to Bombs." (H. P. 2) (L. D. 2)

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Determining Salary of the