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Bounty on Northeastern Coyote" (H. P. 625) (L. D. 766) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Mr. Pearson from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act to Provide Certain Residency Requirements to Purchase Resident Hunting and Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 1354) (L. D. 1659) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Mr. McKean from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act Restricting Guide Licenses to Residents and Requiring Nonresidents to have a Guide while Hunting" (H. P. 483) (L. D. 603) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Mr. Plourde from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Improve the Ability of Local Education Agencies to Provide Educational Service to School Dropouts and Chronic Truants" (H. P. 686) (L. D. 868) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Mr. Henderson from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Chief Justice to Employ Court Officers" (H. P. 1419) (L. D. 1629) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass in New Draft
New Drafts Printed**

Mr. Devoe from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Criminal History Record Information" (H. P. 1363) (L. D. 1692) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft" (H. P. 1629) (L. D. 1832)

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Mr. Spencer from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Reporting of Data of Abortions Performed by an Attending Physician" (H. P. 987) (L. D. 1198) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft (H. P. 1628) (L. D. 1831)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Najarian.

Mrs. NAJARIAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question through the Chair to anyone who can answer. That is, what is the purpose of this bill?

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Najarian, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. HUGHES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Anytime you have a bill that has to do with abortion data, the hackles of one group or another are probably raised. This is a bill to provide statistical information to the state which can and should be used legitimately, I think, to deal with the public health problem of knowing what the rates of complications are from abortions and things of that sort.

The bill was changed greatly from the form in which it came in. It is acceptable, I think, to both right-to-lifers and right-to-choose. It is simply aimed at that kind of statistical gathering which is useful without any of the overtones of impropriety or immorality that might be involved in having such an abortion. The confidentiality of patients has been maintained, the confidentiality of doctors and doctors performing abortions has been maintained, and it is, in the opinion of the committee, which includes members of both camps, if that is the term to use, a legitimate, uncontroversial bill at this time.

Thereupon, the Report was accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Mr. Hobbins from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain

Laws Relating to Domestic Relations" (H. P. 1368) (L. D. 1595) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft" (H. P. 1627) (L. D. 1830)

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Mr. Curran from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Relating to the State's Bonded Debt" (H. P. 502) (L. D. 621) reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-459)

Miss Brown from the Committee on Energy on Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Woodburning Appliances from the Sales Tax" (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 1465) reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-461)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills read once. Committee Amendment "A" to each was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bills assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,058,000, for Construction of an Educational Wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute" (H. P. 1305) (L. D. 1542) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under New Title Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,348,000 for Construction of an Educational Wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a Mechanicals Building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a Building Construction Facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute" (H. P. 1618) (L. D. 1819)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. USHER of Cumberland
KATZ of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Messrs. WYMAN of Pittsfield
BAGLEY of Winthrop

Mrs. MITCHELL of Vassalboro
Mr. LYNCH of Livermore Falls

Mrs. BEAULIEU of Portland
Messrs. CONNOLLY of Portland

BIRT of East Millinocket
— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. PIERCE of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Mr. FENLASON of Danforth
Mrs. LEWIS of Auburn

Mr. PLOURDE of Fort Kent
— of the House.

Reports were read.
On motion of Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls, the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report was accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-452) on Bill "An Act to Change the Deadline for Change in Party Enrollment in Order to Qualify for Voting in a Primary Election" (H. P. 1028) (L. D. 1246)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. DANTON of York
— of the Senate.

Messrs. BOUDREAU of Waterville
BUSTIN of Augusta

Mrs. MITCHELL of Vassalboro
Messrs. TRUMAN of Biddeford

McMAHON of Kennebunk
RAYMOND of Lewiston
TALBOT of Portland

Mrs. BOUDREAU of Portland
— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. KATZ of Kennebec
TROTZKY of Penobscot
— of the Senate.

Mr. BIRT of East Millinocket
Mrs. DURGIN of Kittery
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland, the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report was accepted and the Bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-452) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Recognize the Maine Competition as the Official Housing Design Contest for the State of Maine and to Appropriate Moneys in the General Fund to Fund this Contest" (H. P. 1238) (L. D. 1463)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HUBER of Cumberland
MORRELL of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Messrs. HIGGINS of Scarborough
MORTON of Farmington

Ms. GOODWIN of Bath
Messrs. GREENLAW of Stonington

CARTER of Winslow
PERKINS of Blue Hill

McBREAIRTY of Caribou
— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MERRILL of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Mrs. NAJARIAN of Portland
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Ms. Goodwin of Bath, the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls, Recessed until the sound of the gong.

After Recess

11:00 a.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Enable the City of Eastport to Cope with Gale Damage" (Emergency) (H. P. 565) (L. D. 690)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MORRELL of Cumberland
HUBER of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Mrs. NAJARIAN of Portland
Messrs. HIGGINS of Scarborough

PERKINS of Blue Hill
MORTON of Farmington
— of the House.