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I do fear though the effective date on it. I think that it is soon. We are going to expect to get candidates in these thirteen districts within 30 days, and this may be an insurmountable task. Sure, perhaps in the vast majority of these districts we could, but I think in your smaller areas you may have some problems. And I don't know whether his bill has a provision for an appointive position in this area.

But I am wondering, you know, this entered my mind and I throw this out merely as something for you to ponder over, and I certainly will go along with accepting his report, with maybe the intent of placing an amendment on it, but I wonder if it might not be feasible at this time to retain the county system which we have for election, and having sixteen full-time county attorneys, with the same provisions which Senator Clifford has in his bill, with a chief attorney who can transfer these county attorneys from county to county to help with the work load. I throw this out as a suggestion that some of you might consider and perhaps get back to some of us who are interested in a full-time prosecutor bill.

The county commissioners and county government people are really interested in retaining the county lines, the county divisions. They are interested in retaining the county attorney system. And I wonder if this may be a possible answer to their problems or their objections to a bill which would divide the county lines. I merely mention it for that purpose, and I do hope that any of you who have any thoughts in this area, please, I am sure that Senator Clifford from Androscoggin or myself, or any of those who are interested in the prosecution field, would like to have your suggestions so we might think about them. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford, that the Senate accept Report "A" of the Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing 4-year Terms for County Attorneys and Full-time County Attorneys for Certain Counties,"

which is Ought to Pass in New Draft Under New Title: "An Act Providing for Full-time Elected District Attorneys."

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled until later in today's session, pending the motion by Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin that the Senate accept Report "A" of the Committee.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Legislative Ethics." (H. P. 1588) (L. D. 2048)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

House - As Amended

Bill, "An Act Establishing a Forest Lands Taxation Policy Using a Productivity Approach." (H. P. 1577) (L. D. 2034)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, as Amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Implementing to Reorganization of the Department of Environmental Protection." (S. P. 772) (L. D. 2051)

Which was Read a Second Time.

Mr. Johnson of Somerset then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-371 was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. JOHNSON: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This amendment merely deletes a word that is redundant and could be misconstrued.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment "A"?

Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.