

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Which was Read.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Sewall.

Mr. SEWALL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Briefly, an explanation of this order: the Department of Health and Welfare is again faced with a serious deficit in their medical payments account. This account is used to pay the local druggists for drugs and prescriptions used in conjunction with welfare case loads. This case load has increased from 17,500 families roughly up to something in the order of 19,000, so they are running behind and the local druggists are the ones that suffer. We have been told by Dr. Fisher that if we were to appropriate this money, this \$500,000, they would then be able to bring these accounts current because, of course, this money also generates two to three federal dollars for every state dollar. Therefore, Mr. President, I would move that the rules be suspended and that this order be sent forthwith to the House.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

Thereupon, the Joint Order was Passed.

Under further suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Education Laws." (S. P. 1378)

Tabled — May 21, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-127)

Senate Amendment "B" (S-147)

Mr. Katz of Kennebec then presented Senate Amendment "C" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "C", Filing No. S-181, was Read.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President and members of the Senate: Very briefly, in the reorganization of the

State Board of Education, there was left out a provision to reimburse the members for their actual expenditures, and that is what this does.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment "C"?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled, pending Passage to be engrossed.

Reconsidered Matter

On motion by Mr. Shute of Franklin, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby Bill, "An Act Authorizing Use of Maine Turnpike by Legislators", (H. P. 1281) (L. D. 1668) was Passed to be Engrossed.

The same Senator then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-178, was Read.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair recognizes that Senator.

Mr. SHUTE: Mr. President and members of the Senate: The emergency clause on this bill was really unnecessary in the first place because Article 4, Part 3rd, Section 7, of the Constitution forbids the Senators or the Representatives from establishing any law which increases their compensation. This would make possible reimbursement of the use of the Maine Turnpike during the legislative session, or in the performance of a committee duty during the interim period provided for the reimbursement. So, therefore, the emergency preamble should be removed to make it constitutionally perfect.

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

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter:

An Act Exempting New Machinery and Equipment used for Manufacturing and Research from Sales and Use Tax and Increasing