

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*One Hundred and Sixth  
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Volume III

June 6, 1973 to July 3, 1973

Index

KENNEBEC JOURNAL  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

Immonen, Kauffman, Kelleher, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Lawry, LeBlanc, Lewis, E.; Lewis, J.; Lynch, Maddox, Mahany, Martin, McHenry, Merrill, Mills, Murchison, Palmer, Parks, Peterson, Pratt, Shaw, Simpson. L. E.; Smith, S.; Snowe, Soulas, Stillings, Susi, Theriault, Tierney, Trask, Trumbull, Tyndale, Webber, Whitzell, Willard, Wood, M. E.

NAYS — Berube, Birt, Boudreau, Brown, Bunker, Carter, Churchill, Connolly, Cote, Cottrell, Curran, Drigotas, Dyar, Emery, D. F.; Evans, Farley, Farrington, Flynn, Garsoe, Gauthier, Greenlaw, Hancock, Jackson, Jacques, Jalbert, Kelley, Knight, LaCharite, LaPointe, MacLeod, Maxwell, McCormick, McKernan, McMahon, McNally, McTeague, Morin, L.; Morin, V.; Mulhern, Murray, Najarian, Norris, O'Brien, Perkins, Ricker, Rolde, Rollins, Ross, Santoro, Shute, Silverman, Smith, D. M.; Sproul, Talbot, Tanguay, Walker, Wheeler, White, The Speaker.

ABSENT — Carey, Cressey, Dam, Fecteau, Ferris, Goodwin, K.; Herrick, Littlefield, Morton, Pontbriand, Sheltra, Strout.

Yes, 80; No, 59; Absent, 12.

The SPEAKER: Eighty having voted in the affirmative and fifty-nine in the negative, with twelve being absent, the motion to indefinitely postpone does prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

An Act Reconstituting and More Effectively Coordinating the Maine Commission on Drug Abuse and the Division of Alcoholism and Providing an Alternative Sentencing for Violators of Drug Laws. (S. P. 635) (L. D. 2008)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

Thereupon, Mr. Good of Westfield requested a vote on passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Norris.

Mr. NORRIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I will try to be brief. We haven't discussed this bill too much. It is a 26 page document with a very small Statement of

Fact. It combines the Alcohol Abuse Division and the Drug Abuse Commission. And the Drug Abuse Commission, when they testified before Appropriations on the Part II budget, other than the monies they are going to send out to communities, they are most basically interested in the judicial review of the laws. Now the alcoholic treatment part of the community have done this and they have passed their bill which is 76, and it is funded in Part II, and the Drug Abuse Commission is funded separately in Part II.

I hope some people from Appropriations will address themselves to that perhaps in a few minutes.

I feel that this is complicating certainly a very serious problem in all of our minds, both the Drug Abuse in the alcoholism and drug abuse in the harder drugs, but the alcoholic section, the people who are treating reformed alcoholics and counselors and professionals people in that field feel that at this time anyway, and this is such a long and complicated document, it is 26 pages and the Statement of Fact is two paragraphs which just simply says it combines — and I am sure the intent of this is good but I think that at this particular time it is moving too fast on a very serious problem.

I hope that you would vote against final enactment of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Soulas.

Mr. SOULAS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I personally agree with the concept of this bill. It is probably the first step towards a more efficient organization of a human service program to be administered by the state. I am sure that both the drug and alcoholic treatment centers will be strengthened by this bill. However, I personally feel we are talking about two different things.

These two bodies should be separated. We should have a treatment center for each problem so that the recipient would be able to get the proper treatment from

those who are more qualified to give these treatments — one for drugs and one for alcoholics.

For these reasons I hope you will vote against the enactment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am not too familiar with this L. D. On the other hand, I think that I certainly would go along with the remarks of the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Norris.

I hope you will go along with indefinitely postponing the bill.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is passage to be enacted. A vote has been requested. All in favor of this Bill being passed to be enacted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

Thereupon, Mr. Curtis of Orono requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call vote, it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All those desiring a roll call vote will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not sure that people are familiar with this piece of legislation. I discussed it when it first came out of committee. As far as I know, the only opposition we have run into at all on this legislation was from the two organizations involved which of course, like any bureaucratic divisions don't like to be interfered with at all. We have spent a great deal of time on this in the State Government Committee; we really think it is a feasible proposal and it is going to work.

Right now we have efforts of the state going in two different directions. They could, and this proposal will effectively coordinate those efforts. It will cut down on some

staff personnel, it will provide some savings to the state and it will provide better service to the people. It will interfere with a couple of small bureaucracies.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is passage to be enacted. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

### ROLL CALL

YEA — Albert, Berry, P. P.; Berube, Birt, Bustin, Carey, Chick, Chonko, Clark, Conley, Connolly, Cooney, Crommett, Curran, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Deshaies, Donaghy, Drigotas, Dunleavy, Farley, Farnham, Farrington, Flynn, Gahagan, Gauthier, Genest, Goodwin, H.; Goodwin, K.; Greenlaw, Hancock, Henley, Hobbins, Huber, Jackson, Knight, LaPointe, LeBlanc, Lewis, J.; Lynch, Martin, McHenry, McKernan, McTeague, Morin, L.; Morin, V.; Morton, Mulhern, Murchison, Murray, Najarian, O'Brien, Palmer, Perkins, Peterson, Rolde, Rollins, Silverman, Simpson, L. E.; Smith, D. M.; Smith, S.; Talbot, Tanguay, Tierney, Webber, White, Whitzell.

NAY — Ault, Baker, Berry, G. W.; Binnette, Bither, Boudreau, Bragdon, Brawn, Briggs, Brown, Bunker, Cameron, Carrier, Carter, Churchill, Cottrell, Davis, Dudley, Dunn, Emery, D. F.; Faucher, Ferris, Finemore, Fraser, Good, Hamblen, Haskell, Hoffses, Hunter, Immonen, Jacques, Jalbert, Kauffman, Kelleher, Kelley, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, LaCharite, Lawry, Lewis, E.; Littlefield, MacLeod, Maddox, Mahany, Maxwell, McCormick, McMahon, McNally, Merrill, Mills, Norris, Parks, Pratt, Ricker, Ross, Santoro, Shaw, Shute, Snowe, Soulas, Sproul, Strout, Theriault, Trask, Trumbull, Tynedale, Walker, Wheeler, Willard, Wood, M. E.

ABSENT — Cote, Cressey, Dam, Dow, Dyar, Evans, Fecteau, Garsoe, Herrick, Pontbriand, Sheltra, Stillings, Susi.

Yes, 66; No, 71; Absent, 13.

The SPEAKER: Sixty-six having voted in the affirmative and seventy-one having voted in the negative, with thirteen being absent, the motion does not prevail.

Sent to the Senate.