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tivities and Agencies in Maine State Government (H. P. 2143) (L. D. 2286) (C "A" H-1079)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 115 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Increase the Efficiency of the Investigation and Prosecution of Fraud Against the State (H. P. 2155) (L. D. 2290)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 103 voted in favor of same and 8 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Redefine the Administration of Medication in the Nursing Practice Act (H. P. 1934) (L. D. 2122) (C "A" H-1025) (H "A" H-1091)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 116 voted in favor of same and 3 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Clarify Municipal Development Authority (H. P. 1882) (L. D. 2060) (C "A" H-1074) (H "A" H-1107)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Lizotte.

Mr. LIZOTTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I feel very bad to get up on this bill but this to me is a very bad bill. It gives the right to the towns and cities to put up shopping centers and then to rent them out on their own. I am afraid that some towns and cities could get very badly hurt if they put in these things and find out that they would be a losing proposition, so I would hope that you would not support this as an emergency measure.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Pearson.

Mr. PEARSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill is, of course, a bill that was introduced by Representative MacEachern from Lincoln designed to help the people of Lincoln but it is also a bill that can be used as a vehicle to help many other towns in the state, including the City of Old Town, and I support the bill and I hope everybody else will too.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. MacEachern.

Mr. MacEACHERN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I, too, hate to disagree with my member of the back row incorporated, but this bill initially was born in the town of Lincoln. We have a project going up there at the present time that the Chamber of Commerce has instituted which involves the acquiring and destruction of some dilapidated buildings on our main street. Now, I hate to say this but Lincoln's main street looks something out of the wild west, it has false fronts and everything else. We are making an attempt on our own to take care of this situation and to modernize our main street. It got to be too big a project for the Chamber of Commerce.

As soon as they discovered that it was too big a project, we began to toy with the idea of a

state law that would permit municipalities to do just what we are trying to do in Lincoln. It is not mandatory, it is permissive, and it is not putting the town into the renting business.

Ideally, the properties, after they are developed, will be sold and the money will be used to retire the bonds that are issued. We also have the stipulation in the amendment to the bill that provides for a tax increment provision in the bill, which would earmark any increase in taxes generated by the construction of the property for the retirement of the bonds.

I think this is a far-reaching bill, which could affect any town or city in the State of Maine. We all know what urban renewal has done to some of our cities. It has created vast waste areas right in the middle of the cities, where the buildings were all torn down and nothing was replaced. This could be mini urban renewal which is controlled by the town itself and in compliance with a comprehensive plan. A board has to be set up, a corporation has to be set up and they have to comply with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

I think this is a good bill and I urge you to vote for it.

The SPEAKER: This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House is necessary. All those in favor of this Bill being passed to be enacted as an emergency measure will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken, 113 having voted in the affirmative and six having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Temporarily Exempt Property Owners on Islands in Casco Bay from Certain Waste Discharge Compliance Requirements (S. P. 708) (L. D. 2235) (C "A" S-452) (H "A" H-1065)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 114 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Promote Efficiency in Maine State Government (S. P. 699) (L. D. 2223) (C "A" S-450) (H "A" H-1099)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 114 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of the Topsham Sewer District and to Specify and Clarify Eminent Domain Powers (H. P. 2187) (L. D. 2301) (C "A" H-1081)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 120 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Delaying the Effective Date of the Maine Criminal Code in Order to Allow Sufficient Time to Make Certain Necessary Revisions (S. P. 776) (L. D. 2331)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 116 voted in favor of same and 5 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Provide for the Licensure of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists (S. P. 673) (L. D. 2144) (C "B" S-462)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Auburn, Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is the third time, I guess, I have spoken on this particular bill and I don't see any improvement on it each time it comes before us. It is setting up another licensing board which I don't think we need. I haven't heard one word from anybody that there is any trouble between the Speech Pathologists and the audiologists in this state and the people they are serving. There is no need, in my mind, to have them licensed.

The greatest number of people that this possibly could affect is 40 and that, perhaps, is an over-estimation. This would set up a board, a five-member board, to supervise these few people who are doing their job without any trouble to anyone and doing a good job. It is creating a bigger bureaucracy and I would hope that we will be trying to cut down on the bureaucracy rather than increasing it.

I move that it be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. DeVane.

Mr. DeVANE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is a bad bill. It was drafted by a lobbyist.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Freeport, Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is the third time I have stood and defended our unanimous committee report on this bill.

There is a need for it because the Maine Speech and Hearing Association and the audiologists, otolaryngologists and the speech pathologists seek state licensure regulation and process through the administrative code.

The members of the Committee on Business Legislation, as I said time and time again, are unanimous in accepting the concept that professional and industrial members of employee classifications and of the various professions in our state should have some influence in the rules and regulations which govern them. They sought this bill, this legislature passed a study order in the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation studied this subject area during the interim between the regular and this special session. The bill before us is the result. It is, in fact, a very good bill, and I urge you to oppose the pending motion of indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question before the House is on the motion of Mrs. Lewis of Auburn that L. D. 2144 be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

15 having voted in the affirmative and 81 in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act to Revise Statutory Provisions Relating to Dropouts (S. P. 686) (L. D. 2195) (C "A" S-467)

An Act Relating to the Formation of Political Parties and to Political Designations (H. P.