

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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Department of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education is respectfully directed to develop proposals for consideration by the 106th Legislature relative to the amendment of Title 20, which will permit the full realization and implementation of this goal no later than July 1, 1975; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all state departments are requested to give full assistance to the Commissioner of Education as requested in the development of his proposals; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted forthwith to said Commissioner of Education as notice of the intent expressed herein. (H. P. 1566)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted, in concurrence.

Mr. Hichens of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. HICHENS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I feel compelled to say a few words this morning concerning the burning issue of the big box. It is a unique situation with me because personally I feel that the big box helped me considerably in my bid for election to the Senate. In contrast, a young member of the opposite party who sought to represent my town in the other body apparently felt that if the big box were not there he would have been elected. As a result, he spent many hours getting names on petitions to bring the big box problem to the people in referendum, which his Governor refuses to do.

On principle alone I stand here this morning to protest the Governor's actions, and would like to read into the record his letter to Mr. John Kelly, dated August 6, 1971.

"Dear Mr. Kelly:

"I am responding to your inquiry on August 3rd.

I will issue at the appropriate time a proclamation directing that the initiated ballot reform question be voted on at the June 19, 1972

election. As you know, a statewide primary and special election involving several other referenda are already scheduled for that date. The specific phrasing that the question will take has not been determined, but it will be agreed to well in advance of the election. Sincerely,

(Signed)

KENNETH M. CURTIS
Governor

cc: Secretary of State
J. Edgar"

Can we depend on our Governor's word, or are we left to form our own opinions?

(Off Record Remarks)

Committee Reports

House

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act Establishing a Portland Coastal Island Trust Commission." (H. P. 1496) (L. D. 1939)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw — Covered by Other Legislation

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Providing Funds for the Maine Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency." (H. P. 1449) (L. D. 1892)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw, Covered by Other Legislation.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Veterans and Retirement on, Resolve, Providing a Minimum Service Retirement under the State Retirement Law for Marion Gates of Phillips. (H. P. 1520) (L. D. 1962)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted and the Resolve Passed to be Engrossed