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the best argument I have heard. And on the changing of date of election, I guess all of you will admit that would be a great saving to the State of Maine, the towns and cities of the State of Maine and to the State in money expended for the special election in November. On the other hand, I have heard the argument that it is a good advertising scheme and that Maine gets a lot of free advertising through it, so there is merit to both sides of the question. But I do not want to let the bill go under the hammer without asking for a division when the vote is taken.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid, that the Senate accept the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. Is the Senate ready for the question?

As many as are in favor of the motion will rise and stand until counted.

A division was had.

Twenty-three having voted in the affirmative and five in the negative the motion to accept the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee in concurrence prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the third tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 361) (L. D. 399) House Reports from the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of the Governor to Four-Year Terms," Majority Report "Ought not to pass," minority report "Ought to pass," tabled by that Senator on March 17th pending consideration of reports.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate: My remarks on this one will be even shorter. I ask for a division when the vote is taken.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President, the reason I voted as I did on the last motion was because we had a package deal of the general election change and the four-year term for Governor in the one

bill, and I certainly do not feel it would be even a fair question to propose to our citizens by having both of these in the one bill. It certainly should be broken down.

If I recall correctly, I supported a four-year term for Governor at the Republican Convention a year ago and I still feel that this again is one of those issues which should be decided by the people and determined once and for all as to whether they want to have a two-year term or a four-year term for their elected Governor.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid, that the Senate accept the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, has asked for a division. Is the Senate ready for the question?

As many as are in favor of the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid, that the Senate accept the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee will rise and stand until counted.

A division was had.

Nineteen having voted in the affirmative and nine in the negative, the motion to accept the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee in concurrence prevailed.

Mr. Reid of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. REID: Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent to introduce a resolve even at this late date. In support of that request I would say that the question has arisen in the City of Portland with respect to the right of regular members of the United States Army to vote, and the reason for it is a provision in the Constitution and an amendment passed several years ago which was intended, I believe, to allow the members of the United States Army to vote. The City of Portland has questioned the efficacy of the amendment; it has been taken up with the Attorney General's department and they also question it. In order to clarify it I would introduce this resolve if I have unanimous consent.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid, asks unanimous consent for the introduction of a resolve. The Secretary will read the resolve by title only.

The SECRETARY: "Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution to clarify voting by persons in military service."

The PRESIDENT: Is there objection to the introduction of the resolve? The Chair hears none and the resolve is received.

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, under suspension of the rules, the resolve was given its two several readings without reference to a committee and passed to be engrossed. Ordered printed.

On further motion by the same Senator, the resolve was ordered sent forthwith to the House.

On motion by Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table the 37th tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 1157) (L. D. 1375) Bill "An Act Defining and Regulating the Collection Agency Business and the Budget Planning Business," tabled by that Senator on May 11th pending assignment for second reading.

On motion by the same Senator, under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table the 36th tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 111) (L. D. 119) House Report "Ought not to pass" from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Regulating the Solicitation and Collection of Funds for Charitable Purposes," tabled by that Senator on May 11th pending acceptance of report.

Mr. LESSARD of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I move the pending question, that we accept the "Ought not to pass report" of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Lessard, that the Senate accept the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. The Chair recog-

nizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Lessard.

Mr. LESSARD: Mr. President, yesterday during the debate which was interrupted I was discussing the purpose of Section 274-C of this legislative document.

The PRESIDENT: And the Chair apologizes.

Mr. LESSARD (Continuing): At that time we had a conference and it was suggested that perhaps some amendments could be made. However, the conferees, the parties who were supposed on the part of the proponents to bring in some amendments have informed me that they still haven't got any amendments, and the ones who were supposed to prepare them say they are a little bit confused and it will take too much time to try to make this bill workable.

Now referring to Section 274-C which I was reading yesterday, it says that "No person, firm, corporation or benevolent purposes outside of the municipality where such persons reside or where such firm, corporation or association has its place of business without having in full force a written license therefor from the Department of Health and Welfare." That would require persons who solicit funds for such organizations as the Red Cross, Community Chest, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and the Salvation Army, practically any charitable organization at all, if they were in contiguous cities and they were on a solicitation team, it would require them to go across the river or across the town line and they would have to apply for a license. You know and I know, because probably every one of us here has served from time to time on these committees and perhaps as the head of a committee have had to obtain the solicitors, and we have to ask the citizens of our town or city to be on our team and help us, and you know how many excuses they give you why they just don't have the time to do it. It is a job that is hard to do and many of us have other duties to perform and we would like to duck out. If you go to these same people now and say, "I want you to be on my team and solicit for the Y.M.C.A."—or the Red Cross or