

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ance. The result of each such vote shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the House voted to take from the table the twelfth tabled and unassigned matter:

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Limit to Retirement Purposes the Use of the Funds of the Maine State Retirement System. (S. P. 306) (L. D. 894)

Tabled—March 22, by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

Pending—Final Passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This matter was tabled because it does carry an appropriation. The explanation is that this being a Constitutional amendment, a cost of \$15,000 has been placed on the referendum. This cost would be the same whether it was one or ten referendums, so for that reason, the \$15,000 was attached to every one that came in, and since it is not necessary to hold this any longer, I move that it receive final passage.

Thereupon, the Resolve having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, it being a Constitutional Amendment and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had, 101 having voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick was granted unanimous consent to address the House briefly.

Mr. LACHARITE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Last Friday a statement by Mr. William Barber, Vice President and

Chief Actuary of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company was laid on your desks. This statement is in reference to L. D. 1432, which is An Act Increasing Taxation on Life Insurance Companies. This bill has already been heard and will come before you very shortly. The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, the largest financial institution in the state, is very much interested in the outcome of this bill. During the past five years this company has received from Maine people some \$24,000,000 and has paid back to Maine people some \$29,000,000. This means that besides the taxes that it pays it has contributed during the past five years to the economy of our state approximately \$1,000,000 a year.

The statement on your desks explains the company's position as well as that of other companies, and I hope that you will take the time to read this statement, so that when this bill comes before us we will be able to give it due consideration. Thank you.

On motion of Mr. Turner of Auburn, the House voted to take from the table the eighth tabled and unassigned matter:

Bill "An Act relating to Length of Motor Vehicle Trucks" (H. P. 435) (L. D. 610) In House Read Twice.

Tabled—March 17, by Mr. Turner of Auburn.

Pending—Adoption of Committee Amendment "A"

On further motion of the same gentleman, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Mr. Waterman of Auburn was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mr. WATERMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to read a communication from the Maine Heart Association. It is addressed to Senator Porteous and he requested that I read it to the House.

"The Maine Heart Association wishes to express its appreciation to the members of the Maine Senate and the House of Representatives for their generous gesture