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Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Affecting the Apportionment of the State Senate (S. P. 607) (L. D. 1632)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Affecting the Apportionment of the State Senate (S. P. 624) (L. D. 1630)

Resolve Authorizing Transfer of State Land to City of Augusta for Fire Station (S. P. 679) (L. D. 1717)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection Station Licenses and Inspection Mechanic's Certificates" (S. P. 630) (L. D. 1609)

Bill "An Act relating to the Transportation of Disabled, Collision Damaged, Wrecked or Repossessed Highway Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 682) (L. D. 1720)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Katz of Augusta, it was

ORDERED, that the Maine Transportation Commission be directed to study the need for direct scheduled air service between Maine and Canada.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Erwin of York presented the following Order:

WHEREAS, a Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Affecting the Apportionment of the State Senate (Senate Paper 624, Legislative Document 1630) is pending before the 102nd Legislature and it is important that the Legislature be informed as to the constitutionality of this proposed Amendment, and

WHEREAS, a Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Affecting the Apportionment

of the State Senate (Senate Paper 607, Legislative Document 1632) is pending before the 102nd Legislature and it is important that the Legislature be informed as to the constitutionality of this proposed Amendment, and

WHEREAS, both resolves require that the apportionment of Senators shall be on the basis of the last Federal Census, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined, for the purpose of this Order, that the last Federal Census shows the population of the respective counties of this State be as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the members of the House of the 102nd Legislature that certain provisions of the foregoing resolves present important questions of law and the occasion is a solemn one;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordered, that in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court are hereby requested to give this Legislature their opinion on the following questions:

I.

Is the method of apportioning Senators, set forth in Legislative Document 1630, constitutional?

II.

Is the method of apportioning Senators, set forth in Legislative Document 1632, constitutional?

County	Population
Androscoggin	86,312
Aroostook	106,064
Cumberland	182,751
Franklin	20,069
Hancock	32,293
Kennebec	89,150
Knox	28,575
Lincoln	18,497
Oxford	44,345
Penobscot	126,346
Piscataquis	17,379
Sagadahoc	22,793
Somerset	39,749
Waldo	22,632
Washington	32,908
York	99,402

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, U. S. Census of Popula-

tion: 1960 Number of Inhabitants, Maine, Final Report PC (1)-21A.

(On further motion of the same gentleman, in accordance with Rule 46, tabled pending passage and tomorrow assigned, and ordered reproduced.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time will announce to take effect tomorrow the following seat assignments. The gentlewoman from Orono, Mrs. Cornell is assigned to Seat No. 62. The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. O'Gara will be assigned to Seat No. 139, and the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette, will be assigned to Seat No. 2. This is to be effective as of tomorrow.

The Chair at this time would like to recognize in the House the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Dostie, and the Clerk will make note that he is now in his seat. And the Chair would also like to recognize in the House the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Harvey, and it is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman was also present here yesterday, and the Clerk will also make note of this.

House Reports of Committees

Report of Committee on Elections

Mr. Bishop from the House Committee on Elections to which was referred returns of votes cast for Representatives to the Legislature and Communication from Secretary of State relative to Special Elections, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report that Thelma B. Cornell of Orono, Roland A. Gauthier of Sanford, Chester L. Burnham of Naples and Robert H. O'Gara of Westbrook were duly and legally elected members of the House of Representatives and entitled to seats therein.

Report was read and accepted and the members listed therein declared members of the House.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Hoy from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Increase the Indebtedness of the Town of

Poland School District" (H. P. 1179) (L. D. 1647)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Gould Academy" (H. P. 1215) (L. D. 1683)

Mr. Binnette from the Committee on Election Laws reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Laws Governing Elections and Voting Machines" (H. P. 1180) (L. D. 1648)

Mr. Katz from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Commissioner of Education" (H. P. 1199) (L. D. 1667)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Martin from the Committee on State Government reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Location of Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 103rd Legislature" (H. P. 1214) (L. D. 1682)

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette, and inquires for what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker, in regard to L. D. 1682, I believe at the last session that we had a similar document and that we turned it down. I therefore move for indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think probably the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Binnette, is not quite informed as to what the contents of this bill is. It is only for the purpose that in case the renovation of the House is not ready for the first week in December at the end of this year, in order not to be in a bind with the construction or renovation of the House, this legislation was necessary in