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the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Incorporate the Seal Cove Water District (H. P. 1177) (L. D. 1645)

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 division was had. 134 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 Appropriating Funds for Additional State Police Officers (H. P. 1264) (L. D. 1759)

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 division was had. 134 voted in favor of same and 4 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bond Issue Tabled Until Later in Today's Session

An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Construct an Office Building for the State Highway Commission (H. P. 1194) (L. D. 1662)

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

(On motion of Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township, tabled pending passage to be enacted and assigned for later in today's session.)

Finally Passed Constitutional Amendment

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Affect-

ing the Apportionment of the State Senate (S. P. 624) (L. D. 1630)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This amendment has bipartisan agreement and this is the reapportionment bill, and because of this fact I urge all Republicans to support this measure.

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think probably this morning we have before us something that is somewhat historical where a two-party system before us has been able to come up with something that is satisfactory to both the majority and the minority party. I think it behooves every individual in the State of Maine that has got a right to vote to make sure that that right is exercised, and to make sure that this right is exercised and that he derives the most and the best benefits as far as State Government is concerned. I think we of the 102nd Legislature have arrived at something that we started out with as something as expected, but never leaving the door closed for an area of compromise. And I think at this time we of the Majority Party and as signified by the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, of the Minority Party, that as a party they also want to join us in making sure that the people of the State of Maine will receive their one vote for one person. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is truly an historic occasion, and I am sure it gives a great deal of satisfaction to every member of both parties to be a means of bringing to the people of the State of Maine a truly democratic mea-

sure which follows the time-honored and accepted principle of our country of one vote, one man.

The matter of Senate apportionment is something that this House spent a great deal of time upon during its regular session. I think the members of the Majority Party are to be congratulated, sincerely, for their willingness to support this historic step.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingman Township, Mr. Starbird.

Mr. STARBIRD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Most of you know I served on the Interim Committee and I have been on the State Government Committee all during the regular session and this session, a special session; that quite a lot of work we had throughout both sessions on this reapportionment business. I feel proud that I had a chance to participate in this historic time. I would like to congratulate all members of the State Government Committee who have helped bring this about. I would like to congratulate the members of the Interim Committee on State Government for the discussions we had, for the ideas offered. I would like to thank the people that volunteered at their own expense to come to our public hearings and offer their ideas and their plans. I hope that we all—probably not all of us, but I hope that all of us will be satisfied with the outcome. I think that ultimately it will be for the good of the whole of us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Since I once served in that other honorable body, and since I come from a one-Senator county, Sagadahoc, I was always apprehensive for fear that the smaller counties would lose their identity. Last spring on the Floor of this House I expressed that concern, but after careful reconsideration, and in fairness to all of our voters throughout the State, I feel that we must now abide by the one man, one vote edict, and I believe that the most

logical approach to this is by districts.

We must remember today that we are not setting up the districts now, we are just approving a plan or formula, and I now wholeheartedly support this Constitutional Amendment and I urge the final passage of this resolve.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I request that when the vote is taken it be taken by the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Healy.

Mr. HEALY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Out of deference to our Majority Leader, Mr. Levesque from Madawaska, I would hope that the Minority Party would join us in November.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Glenburn, Mr. Cookson.

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I only want to say that I hope such harmony exists when the districts are formed.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on final passage. This being a Constitutional Amendment, a two-thirds vote of the House is necessary. The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Edwards, has requested that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays. For the Chair to order the yeas and nays it must have the expressed desire of one-fifth of the members present. All those in favor of having the vote taken by the yeas and nays will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A sufficient number arose.

The SPEAKER: Obviously, more than one-fifth having arisen, the yeas and nays are in order.

The question before the House is final passage of this Constitutional Amendment. If you are in favor of final passage of this Constitutional Amendment you will answer yea or yes when your name is called. If you are opposed to the final passage of this

Constitutional Amendment you will answer nay or no when your name is called. The Clerk will call the roll.

Roll Call

YEA — Anderson, Avery, Baker of Orrington; Baker of Winthrop; Baldic, Beane, Benson of Mechanic Falls; Benson of Southwest Harbor; Berry, Binnette, Birt, Bishop, Blouin, Boissonneau, Bourgoin, Bradstreet, Bragdon, Brennan, Brewer, Buck, Burnham, Burwell, Carroll, Carswell, Carter, Champagne, Conley, Cookson, Cornell, Cote, Cottrell, Cressey, Crommett, Crosby, Curran, Cushing, D'Alfonso, Danton, Davis, Dickinson, Dostie, Doyle, Drigotas, Drouin, Dudley, Dunn, Edwards, Erwin, Eustis, Evans, Farrington, Faucher, Fecteau, Fortier, Fraser of Mexico; Fraser of Rumford; Gaudreau, Gauvin, Gifford, Gilbert, Gillan, Glazier, Graham, Hammond, Hanson of Gardiner; Hanson of Lebanon; Harriman, Harvey of Bangor; Harvey of Windham; Harvey of Woolwich; H a u g e n, Hawes, Hawkes, Haynes, Healy, Hoy, Huber, Hunter of Clinton; Hunter of Durham; Jewell, Jordan, Kennedy, Keyte, Kilroy, Kittredge, Laberge, Lang, Lebel, Lent, Levesque, Lewis, Libhart, Lincoln, Littlefield, Lund, Lycette, Martin, McKinnon, Meisner, M o s h e r, Nadeau, Norton, O'Gara, Palmer, P a y s o n, Peaslee, Pendergast, Pike, Poulin, Prince, Rackliff, R i c h a r d s o n of Cumberland; R i c h a r d s o n of Stonington; Roberts, Ross of Bath; Ross of Brownville; Roy, Ruby, Sahagian, Scott, Searles, Starbird, Sullivan, Susi, Waltz, Ward, Watts, Wheeler, White of Guilford; Whittier, Wight of Presque Isle; Wood, Wuori, Young, Speaker Childs.

NAY — Bedard, Berman, Busiere, Dumont, Gauthier, Lowery, Mills, Mitchell, Stoutamyer.

ABSENT — Jalbert, Katz, Lane, Millay, Sawyer, Storm, Truman.

Yes, 135; No, 9; Absent, 7.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce the vote. One hundred thirty-five having voted in the af-

firmative, nine having voted in the negative, one hundred and thirty-five being more than two-thirds of one hundred and forty-four, this Constitutional Amendment has been finally passed. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Is there objection to this matter being sent forthwith to the Senate? The Chair hears none. It will be done. (Prolonged Applause, the members rising)

Mr. Sullivan of Portland was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mr. SULLIVAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I want to congratulate those nine who had the courage, the intestinal fortitude to vote nay, led by my distant cousin, Representative Berman. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will instruct the Clerk to make note of the gentleman's congratulations.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections to Purchase Real Estate for Assistant Superintendent's Residence at Boys Training Center and Appropriating Funds for the Improvement Thereof (S. P. 616) (L. D. 1629)

An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government (S. P. 618) (L. D. 1613)

An Act relating to the Staff of Vocational Rehabilitation (S. P. 628) (L. D. 1608)

An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 38 (S. P. 642) (L. D. 1599)

An Act for Shrinkage Allowance on Motor Fuel for Service Stations (H. P. 1218) (L. D. 1686)

An Act Appropriating Additional Funds for Alcoholism Services (H. P. 1220) (L. D. 1688)

An Act to Provide Special Administrative Positions in the Department of Health and Welfare (H. P. 1233) (L. D. 1728)

An Act to Correct an Error and Inconsistency in the Maine Housing Authorities Act (H. P. 1238) (L. D. 1733)