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be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read passed in concurrence.

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Executive Council and Reassign its Constitutional Powers to the Governor** (H. P. 16) (L. D. 24) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-583) in the House on June 5.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-585) in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. Cooney of Sabattus moved that the House insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

Mr. Norris of Brewer moved that the House recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Carey.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker, I would certainly hope that we don't recede and concur, because what we have done actually is give the Senate the powers to be, and if there is one thing that we certainly don't want to do is put our authority over at the other end of the hall, and I would certainly hope that you would defeat the motion to recede and concur and go with the motion to insist.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Norris.

Mr. NORRIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would have voted for this report anyway, with the powers going to the Senate. I submit that probably with the present thing you will have exactly the same thing that you had before, but you will be electing the members from the legislature, from the ranks of the legislature. If you give the powers to the Senate, at least the public will have a chance to elect the people who have the confirming authority. So I would hope that you would vote to recede and concur and I realize that I am fighting an uphill battle here, because probably if we don't, we will end up with nothing, the same as we always have before, because with all the good intentions that we have had to abolish the council, everybody agrees on that, but then when we come to the point of deciding who is going to take those duties over, we bounce it back and forth and eventually it dies and we throw a wreath on it and that is the end of it until the next session.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Norris, that the House recede and concur. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

3 having voted in the affirmative and 117 in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Birt of East Millinocket moved the matter be tabled until later in today's session.

Mr. Rolde of York requested a vote on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of this matter being tabled until later in today's session will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

19 having voted in the affirmative and 95

having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus, the House voted to Insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Improved Property Tax Administration" (H. P. 882) (L. D. 1150) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-649) in the House on June 6.

Came from the Senate with the Bill and accompanying papers indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Morton of Farmington, the House voted to insist.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Saco River Corridor Commission Law" (H. P. 1123) (L. D. 1401) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-627) in the House on June 6.

Came from the Senate with the Bill and accompanying papers indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro, the House voted to recede and concur.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'School Bus' to Include School Buses Rented from School Administrative Units by Non-profit Organizations in Order to Transport Children" (H. P. 1666) (L. D. 1919) which was referred to the Committee on Education in the House on June 5.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to Insist.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Rockwood" (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1218) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-309) in concurrence on May 14 and enacted in the House on June 6.

Came from the Senate with Engrossment reconsidered and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-309) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-283) in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Maintenance of Vital Records" (S. P. 322) (L. D. 1099) which was indefinitely postponed in the House on June 9.

Came from the Senate enacted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, tabled pending further consideration and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Silverman of Calais presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption: (H. P. 1685) (Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10)

**JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF MAINE'S ANTI-LITTER LAWS**

WHEREAS, Maine's scenic beauty is second to that of no other state in the Union; and

WHEREAS, the constantly increasing amount of trash and litter thoughtlessly strewn over Maine's roads and fields is an ugly smirch upon this scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the persons who so

thoughtlessly scatter trash and litter are clearly breaking Maine's statutes in so doing, and deserve to be punished to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, vigorous enforcement of Maine's anti-litter laws demands an aware and aroused government and citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Members of the 107th Legislature, in regular session assembled, do hereby respectfully urge and request the Governor of Maine, Governor James B. Longley, to encourage and vigorously support a thorough, strict and effective enforcement of Maine's anti-litter laws, as contained in Title 17, chapter 80, by state and local law enforcement officers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we urge all Maine citizens to aid law enforcement officers to the furthest extent possible in the enforcement of Maine's anti-litter laws; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Longley and to the Chairman of the Keep Maine Scenic Committee.

The Resolution was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Silverman.

Mr. SILVERMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: When many of us went home a week or two ago and found many of our constituents very disappointed at what took place in the legislature, it left many of our constituents wondering, what do we do with the major litter problems in the State of Maine? Where we have no legislation now to cope with these problems, we felt it only necessary that we turn to our enforcement laws under Title 17, Chapter 80, and ask that the good Governor of this State have our law enforcement officers start enforcing litter problems so possibly when we go to our camp sites or parks and on our roadways, many of the bottles, the cans and so forth might not be there. In hopes that this might do something in this field, I move passage of this Resolution.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. McKernan.

Mr. MCKERNAN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I obviously would support this order. I guess I can only say that I am sorry that it is needed. I think there was a better way, and I would also say and would hope that our laws were presently being enforced without the need for an order such as this. We do have laws on the books, and I certainly would hope that they were being adequately enforced and I think this is something that we can do at least by, let's say, we do on the enforcement of our liquor laws, but I think we are also going to have to look for alternatives between now and the time we get back here.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Laffin.

Mr. LAFFIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I wholeheartedly support the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Silverman, and this is where it should have started in the first place, putting the blame on the people, making the people be responsible for their litter and not trying to put laws through that will hurt the businesses of this state. If we had more resolutions of this nature and put the blame where the blame belongs, on the