

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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were done on the fact that I couldn't convince the Committee that I was right. If it is a political sin I have committed, I am willing to plead guilty to the political sin. And I am also very glad to see that my good friend, the Senator from Penobscot has made it unanimous for the majority by the statement he has made that he was out sick and would vote with the majority.

I am very glad that the thing has been made a political issue so that my defeat at least will not be dishonorable.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, that the Senate accept the minority report of the committee.

A viva voce vote being had

The minority report was not accepted.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Cumberland the majority report of the committee "Ought Not to Pass" was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, we ought to have another burial and I believe I will take from the calendar the 44th tabled matter, L. D. 874, a resolve to elect the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney-General by the People.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Elect Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General by the People (S. P. 159) (L. D. 874), Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass", Minority Report "Ought to Pass", tabled by that Senator on April 5th pending acceptance of either report.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would repeat the same arguments and give you the same reasons but I know the same results will occur. So therefore, I will save all of this time and oration and save your time and save my time and only move that the Minority Report Ought to Pass on this Resolve be accepted.

Mr. BARNES of Aroostook: Mr. President, on this one I would like to ask simply that the signers of the Minority Ought to Pass Report be read.

The Secretary Read: "Signer of the Minority Report, Representative Delahanty of Lewiston."

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, that the Minority Report be accepted.

A viva voce vote being had

The motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion, by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, the Majority Report of the Committee "Ought Not to Pass" was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, they say things never occur twice but they have to occur three times and I am going to have a third burial. I move to take from the table the 45th tabled and unassigned matter, being L. D. 873

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to elect Members of the Executive Council by the People (S. P. 358) L. D. 873), Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass", Minority Report "Ought to Pass", tabled by that Senator on April 5th pending acceptance of either report.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President and members of the Senate, although I realize this is also a lost cause. I feel that this one here is really a different resolve, not different in my mind, but different in this way and that is Maine is the only state which does not have its councilors elected by the people. Even our good State of Vermont, our sister state which at one time was the only other state that voted the same as Maine a few years ago, elects its councilors. New Hampshire elects their councilors. And every other state in this Union which has councilors elects their councilors by the people.

Again may I repeat that we here in Maine must be of a different color and different breed or a different faith because we dont' seem