

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ments have to come before this legislature in order to retain their positions. I think they should be rewarded by giving them a longer term of office at least.

Mr. ROGERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, as a member of the committee and one who signed the ought not to pass report, I think I was more impressed with the information which a spokesman for agriculture brought to us, to the effect that they preferred to continue with the old democratic process which they have been using in the past for selecting a Commissioner of Agriculture, rather than turning to the new philosophy which PAS has outlined of having such ones named by the Governor. That, I am sure, was the deciding factor in my case and I believe in the case of some of the other signers.

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

A viva voce vote being had, the Chair was in doubt.

A division of the Senate was had.

Eight having voted in the affirmative and twenty-three opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority report ought not to pass was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Farley of York, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Reports from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments: Majority report, ought not to pass; Minority report, ought to pass with Committee Amendment A, on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution for Appointment of Secretary of State by the Governor with the Consent of the Council." (S. P. 417) (L. D. 1176) tabled by that Senator on April 30 pending consideration of the reports; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Lessard.

Mr. LESSARD of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, it seems rather futile for me to repeat the arguments I used just a few minutes ago but here again is the same proposition. There is nothing more I can say that I didn't

say a few minutes ago except that maybe I can repeat what was said in the last citizen's committee meeting. One of the members pointed his finger and said, "Remember, I am going to vote Republican just once more and then if we don't have some changes, I will change my mind."

Mr. President, I move that the Senate accept the Minority report ought to pass with Committee Amendment A.

Mr. BUTLER of Franklin: Mr. President as a member of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments who signed the ought not to pass report I can only add to what has been stated, that in this particular instance this calls for a Constitutional Amendment, whereas the appointment of the Commissioner of Agriculture was entirely within the discretion of the legislature. Here again I feel that under our system of checks and balances that we will have a more equitable form of government if we have the right of voting and of putting into office these various heads of departments rather than to have them at the will and pleasure of the governor whether it be for the last time that a Republican could vote. I hope that the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Lessard, will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Lessard, that the Senate accept the minority ought to pass report.

A division of the Senate was had.

Seven having voted in the affirmative and twenty-three opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Butler of Franklin, the ought not to pass report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox Recessed until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

#### After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, the Senate voted to take from the table House reports from the