

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

One Hundred and Fifth

Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1971

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
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On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on,

RESOLUTION Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Repealing the Provisions Which Establish the Treasurer of State As a Constitutional Officer, (H. P. 437) (L. D. 572) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

JOHNSON of Somerset
WYMAN of Washington

Representatives:

HODGDON of Kittery
CURTIS of Orono
MARSTALLER of

Freeport
DONAGHY of Lubec
STILLINGS of Berwick

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

CLIFFORD of
Androscoggin

Representatives:

GOODWIN of Bath
FARRINGTON of
Old Orchard Beach
COONEY of Webster
STARBIRD of

Kingman Township

Comes from the House, the Reports and Resolution Indefinitely Postponed.

Which reports were Read.

Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin moved that the Senate Accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would request a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford.

Mr. CLIFFORD of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I don't mean to be critical of the man who is presently in office. As far as I know, he is certainly a very nice, pleasant

gentleman and he is qualified and capable, so that I don't need to delve in to personalities when I ask you to accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report. But I think this job has become a political reward for old-time politicians without any regard to qualifications or experience that the man has in fiscal and financial matters. I think we should take it out of the political arena, and if we do we wouldn't be so apt to get a person who is not qualified. We would look to a man who has some experience in these matters, and I think this is a good thing. I think that we would strengthen state government by doing this.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would be inclined to agree with the gentleman from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford, that this is a political appointment, but it is a political appointment through the election by the legislature. As far as I am concerned, it would seem to me that a political appointment of this nature is perhaps a lot more responsive to the legislature than having an appointment that is not politically motivated.

This gentleman and this department in the past year has earned about five million dollars in interest. The cost of his budget in his department per year is about \$131,000. And he is to a certain extent an arm of the legislature, and we do have a certain amount of control over his position, even though it may be political, which is perhaps a good thing. And I would hope that the motion to accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report would be defeated.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford, that the Senate accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

A division has been requested. As many Senators as are in favor of accepting the Minority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee will

please rise and remain standing until counted. Those opposed will please rise and remain standing until counted.

A division was had. Fifteen Senators having voted in the affirmative, and sixteen Senators having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on,

RESOLUTION, Proposing a n Amendment to the Constitution Providing for the Election of the Attorney General by the Electors. (H. P. 545) (L. D. 717) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

JOHNSON of Somerset
WYMAN of Washington
CLIFFORD of
Androscoggin

Representatives:

DONAGHY of Lubec
HODGDON of Kittery
COONEY of Webster
FARRINGTON of
Old Orchard Beach

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Representatives:

MARSTALLER of
Freeport
CURTIS of Orono
STARBIRD of
Kingman Township
STILLINGS of Berwick
GOODWIN of Bath

Comes from the House, the Majority Ought Not to Pass report Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read.

Mr. Hichens of York moved that the Senate Accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, a division was had. Three Senators having voted in the affirmative and twenty-six Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to accept the Minority

Ought to Pass Report of the Committee did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Taxation on,

Bill, "An Act Exempting Certain Non-profit Community Organizations from the Sales Tax." (H. P. 1003) (L. D. 1365) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

WYMAN of Washington
HICHENS of York
FORTIER of Oxford

Representatives:

ROSS of Bath
COTTRELL of Portland
DRIGOTAS of Auburn
CYR of Madawaska
McCLOSKEY of Bangor
COLLINS of Caribou
MORRELL of Brunswick
FINEMORE of

Bridgewater

TRASK of Milo

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Representative:

DAM of Skowhegan

Comes from the House, the Majority Ought Not to Pass report Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read, and the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee Accepted in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Bernard for the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Law Relating to Experiments on Polluted Shellfish." (S. P. 191) (L. D. 552) reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft Under New Title: Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Importing and Introduction to our Coastal Waters of any Uncertified Marine Species." (S. P. 513) (L. D. 1370)

Which report was Read and Accepted, the Bill in New Draft Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.