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**HOUSE**

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The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Austin H. Wright of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Report of Committee  
of Conference**

**Tabled Later in Today's Session**

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Bill, "An Act Relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units." S. P. 515, L. D. 1478, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report:

That the House recede and concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment "B" and the indefinite postponement of House Amendments "D," "E," "F" and "I" and adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" submitted with the report, and pass the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments "A" and "B" and House Amendments "A," "B," "C" and "G" and Conference Committee Amendment "A"

That the Senate recede and adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" and pass the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments "A" and "B" House Amendments "A," "B," "C" and "G" and Conference Committee Amendment "A"

(Signed)

Messrs. FULLER of South Portland  
FARMER of Wiscasset  
HANCOCK of York

Miss CORMIER of Rumford

Messrs. BRAGDON of Perham  
MAYNARD of Portland

—Committee on the part of House.

Senators:

LOW of Knox

SINCLAIR of Somerset

FARLEY of York

PARKER of Piscataquis

REED of Aroostook

—Committee on the part of Senate.

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

Mr. BEYER: Mr. Speaker, I am fully aware of the importance and gravity of this bill. I am also fully aware that it has been amended probably to the extent that any bill, no matter how important, should be amended and still be well understood. However, that report, it is the first time I have heard it, and for the purpose of more fully acquainting my people at home with the present status of it, I would hope that perhaps the members of this House would go along with me in allowing myself as well as other people that are interested in taking it home to their people over the week end and studying these amendment adjustments more carefully. It is not my purpose to obstruct this bill. I am doing my best to understand it and to try to do what I can for the State as well as for my town. And I do feel that further study would be both beneficial to the people I represent and possibly to further passage of the bill.

Therefore, at this time, I will move to table the bill pending further consideration of the Conference Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, but reminds the gentleman that the motion is not debatable.

Mr. TOTMAN: Yes sir. I request permission to approach the rostrum.

(Conference at rostrum)

The SPEAKER: For approximately five minutes the House may be at ease. The Chair would advise the House that the reason for this period is so the Committee Report and the amendments may be mimeographed and distributed to your desks.

**House at Ease**

Called to order by the Speaker.

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

Mr. BEYER: Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of having a good explanation and the best we can in the suddenness of the appearance of these amendments, I would certain-

ly like to withdraw my motion to table for the present so that they can be explained now and perhaps get up a little later and make the same motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, withdraws his motion to table. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we adopt the Conference Committee Report and I would like to speak on that motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves that the House accept the Conference Committee Report. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House: I hope that you Ladies and Gentlemen understand that six of us in the House sat with six members in the other branch, and we have labored for at least eight hours, practically all of yesterday afternoon, practically all of last evening, and again this morning, and we came out with a unanimous report. I am sure in my eight years in the legislature I have served on several conference committees, and I am sure that no conference committee that I have ever served on ever accomplished as much. And I can assure all of you Ladies and Gentlemen here in this House, that we got things that we never expected to get, and the conference committee members from the other branch were most cooperative.

We don't wish to cram anything down your throats. I think you know us better than that, and we want you to have time to study it, but we realize that time is getting short and, after all, this bill is going to come back to us again. This is not the last we are going to see of this bill by a long ways. And so we hope that it may be passed to be engrossed over the week end, and if it can be it certainly will facilitate matters a lot.

We want you to study the amendments and then later if you have questions, we will debate them and we will try to answer any questions which you may have. But just to cite one example, we opposed an emergency clause because we felt

that some members of the other body wanted an emergency on this bill. We felt that wasn't fair to the people. If the people back home, after this is passed, if it is passed and becomes law, the people back home if they don't like it they may even initiate a referendum, so we are going all out to try and be as fair as we know how with all the people.

Now Mr. Speaker, I would move that under unanimous consent that this be made a special order of business later in today's session.

The SPEAKER: Before putting the motion to the House, the Chair would explain to the House that the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, would have the effect of putting this matter in the first place under Orders of the Day on today's calendar.

The gentleman has requested by unanimous consent that this be made a special order of the day. Is there objection?

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman must either object or agree, it is not debatable.

Mr. QUINN: I rise for a point of information. This document which we have just been handed refers to Conference Committee amendment—Conference Amendment "A". Has that been reproduced?

The SPEAKER: The Chair is advised that they have been distributed to the desks with filing number 333.

The request before the House is the request of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, that by unanimous consent this matter Conference Committee Report on Bill "An Act Relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units, Senate Paper 515, Legislative Document 1478, be made a special order of the day on today's calendar. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

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**Papers from the Senate  
Senate Reports of Committees  
Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society (S. P. 92) (L. D. 223) reporting Leave to Withdraw.