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Amended Bill

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Portland" (S. P. 379) (L. D. 1289)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure Failed of Enactment

An Act Increasing the Gasoline Tax (H. P. 1217) (L. D. 1549)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: I move the suspension of the rules for purposes of reconsideration.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi moves that the rules be suspended for the purpose of reconsideration. Is there objection?

(Cries of "Yes")

The Chair hears objection. This requires a two-thirds vote. The pending question is suspension of the rules which is not debatable. All in favor of the rules being suspended will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 55 having voted in the negative, 72 not being two thirds, the motion to suspend the rules did not prevail.

Thereupon, Mr. Susi of Pittsfield moved that it be passed to be enacted.

This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 74 voted in favor of same and 55 against, and accordingly the Bill failed of passage to be enacted and was sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws Relative to Sea and Shore Fisheries (S. P. 71) (L. D. 193)

An Act Altering Formula for Retirement under State Retirement System (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1558)

An Act relating to Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Hotels (H. P. 260) (L. D. 336)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act to Provide a More Equitable Method of Distributing School Subsidy (H. P. 1254) (L. D. 1586)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Fecteau.

Mr. FECTEAU: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: All I would like to say this morning is a few remarks. If I knew that this subsidy would guarantee a better education for the children of the State of Maine even if the City of Biddeford doesn't really receive its share, I would vote for it.

Let me give you an example of what happened. I talked to my city officials. Even though we are only receiving a minimum amount of subsidy, the majority of our school teachers will receive from ten to twelve thousand dollars next year for teaching. Now if we have trouble like this in our city, how is it in other places in the State of Maine? We have a lot of teachers that have been with us for eight, nine or ten years; they don't want to leave our place, we're not worried about that. But still they are fighting for higher wages and probably the education is suffering.

Last week there was mentioned of the grant that we might receive from the federal, and some of the members here mentioned that they wouldn't want any strings attached to it. Well I ask you this morning to think about that and if you feel that you still want to vote for this subsidy go right ahead, but I am going to vote against it because I really think that it isn't really a more equitable way of spreading help to the cities and towns.

So I hope that all those from cities and towns where they would

receive a better amount from the bloc grants so-called would vote with me this morning against the subsidy.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? All in favor of this Bill being passed to be enacted will vote yes —

Whereupon, Mr. Fecteau of Biddeford requested a roll call.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All members desiring a roll call will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is the enactment of item five on your calendar, L. D. 1586. If you are in favor of the enactment of this bill you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Allen, Baker, Barnes, Bedard, Benson, Beran, Bernier, Birt, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Bragdon, Brennan, Brown, Buckley, Burnham, Carter, Casey, Chick, Clark, C. H.; Clark, H. G.; Corson, Cote, Couture, Crommett, Croteau, Cummings, Curtis, Dam, Dennett, Drigotas, Dudley, Emery, Erickson, Evans, Farnham, Faucher, Finemore, Fraser, Gauthier, Gilbert, Hall, Hanson, Hardy, Haskell, Hawkens, Henley, Hichens, Huber, Immonen, Jalbert, Johnston, Jutras, Kelley, K. F.; Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Laberge, Lawry, Lebel, Leibowitz, LePage, Levesque, Lewis, Lincoln, Lund, MacPhail, Marstaller, Martin, McKinnon, McTeague, Meisner, Millett, Mills, Mitchell, Morgan, Mosher, Noyes, Ouellette, Page, Payson, Porter, Pratt, Quimby, Rand, Richardson, G. A.; Richardson, H. L.; Sahagian, Scott, C. F.; Scott, G. W.; Shaw, Soulas, Stillings, Susi, Temple, Thompson, Trask, Tyndale, Vincent, Watson, Waxman, White, Wight, Williams, Wood.

NAY—Binnette, Bunker, Carey, Carrier, Chandler, Cushing, Don-

aghy, Durgin, Eustis, Fecteau, Giroux, Good, Hewes, Jameson, Kelleher, Lee, Marquis, McNally, Nadeau, Ricker, Rideout, Rocheleau, Snow, Tanguay, Wheeler.

ABSENT—Coffey, Cottrell, Cox, Crosby, Curran, D'Alfonso, Danton, Dyar, Fortier, A. J.; Fortier, M.; Foster, Harriman, Heselton, Hunter, Lewin, Moreshead, Norris, Ross, Santoro, Sheltra, Starbird.

Yes, 104; No, 25; Absent, 21.

The SPEAKER: One hundred and four having voted in the affirmative and twenty-five in the negative, the Bill is passed to be enacted. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

On request of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, by unanimous consent, unless previous notice is given to the Clerk of the House by some member of his or her intention to move reconsideration, the Clerk was authorized today to send to the Senate, thirty minutes after the House recessed for lunch and also thirty minutes after the House adjourned for the day, all matters passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and all matters that required Senate concurrence; and that after such matters had been sent to the Senate by the Clerk, no motion to reconsider shall be in order.

The Chair laid before the House the first item of Unfinished Business:

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Council and Make Changes in the Matter of Gubernatorial Appointments and Their Confirmation (H. P. 1016) (L. D. 1324)

Tabled—June 11, by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and assigned for later in today's session.

The Chair laid before the House the second item of Unfinished Business:

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Jury Commissioners and County Officers in the Several Coun-