

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ABSENT — Ault, Berry, P. P.; Brown, Carrier, Conley, Curran, Deshaies, Dunleavy, Evans, Farley, Flynn, Gauthier, Genest, Hancock, Hobbins, Jacques, Jalbert Kelley, R. P. LeBlanc, Littlefield, Merrill, Ricker, Santoro, Sheltra, Silverman, Strout, Susi, Theriault, Trumbull.

Yes, 114; No, 8; Absent, 29.

The SPEAKER: One hundred fourteen having voted in the affirmative and eight having voted in the negative, with twenty-nine being absent, the Bill is passed to be enacted, will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act to Lease Management and Cultivation Areas in Maine's Coastal Waters (H. P. 731) (L. D. 937).

An Act to Amend Municipal Regulation of Land Subdivision Law. (H. P. 1513) (L. D. 1943).

An Act Relating to Liability for Physical Harm to Users, Consumers or Bystanders from Defective Goods or Products. (S. P. 631) (L. D. 1963).

Was 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.

Mr. Simpson of Standish was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. SIMPSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: A few minutes ago we took the education tax relief bill and put it through the second reading here and sent it to the Senate. It is the intention that it will go over there where an amendment is going to be offered to it and it will be placed on the table there unassigned for quite some time.

On your desks this morning came another approach along the same line of tax relief, which is a three-page summary of in essence what the proposal would do as it has been drafted from our particular office. There will be a printout later on this particular proposal and it will be thoroughly discussed in at least our caucus and I am sure it will probably be discussed in the Democratic caucus also. Meanwhile, we would like to have

you look it over because it is a different approach. I think all of us are talking basically the same amount of money each year, it just depends on how you finance it and how it is delegated back to the communities.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, I would ask if the House is in possession of L. D. 1953.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. L. D. 1953, An Act Relating to Regulating and Inspection of Plumbing is in the possession of the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, having voted on the prevailing side, I now move for reconsideration of this item.

Mr. Shute of Stockton Springs requested a vote on the motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Emery.

Mr. EMERY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In reference to L.D. 1953, which is a redraft of L.D. 943, if you will remember we lost the motion "ought to pass" on this bill last Friday when there were a considerable number of people who were absent.

I would like to draw your attention to two or three different factors. First of all, this bill was a unanimous committee report from the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Second of all, it has been amended by House Amendment H-482 and House Amendment H-477. The amendments provide for an individual owner to do repair work on his own plumbing facilities, he is not prohibited from doing that.

We feel that this bill is an important factor for the State of Maine to guarantee adequate, safe plumbing. We feel that it is necessary to provide the Department of Health and Welfare with the necessary regulatory procedures to guarantee that plumbing installations meet minimum health standards.