

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted in non-concurrence, the Resolution Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and specially assigned matter:

House Reports from the Committee on Public Utilities — Bill, "An Act to Provide Additional Requirements for Investigation of Railroad Company Accidents by the Public Utilities Commission." (H. P. 1411) (L. D. 1851) Majority Report, Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title (H. P. 1540) (L. D. 1970); Minority Report, Ought Not to Pass.

Tabled — May 31, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, retabled until later in today's session, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and specially assigned matter:

Senate Reports — from the Committee on State Government — Bill, "An Act to Provide Elected District Attorneys." (S. P. 474) (L. D. 1569). Report "A" — Ought Not to Pass; Report "B" — Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment "A" (S-183).

Tabled — May 31, 1973 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Motion of Senator Berry of Cumberland to accept Report "B".

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers.

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This is indeed one of the more important items of legislation before the Senate. As every Senator knows, the question really boils down to whether or not the full-time prosecuting attorney should be elected or appointed. There is another bill that is in the other body at the present time which provides for appointed full-time

district attorneys. This is a question that I don't feel should be answered today or can be answered today.

I would certainly like to emphasize for the record, as I have on numerous occasions elsewhere, that I feel that this session should definitely come out with some kind of system for full-time prosecuting attorneys. It is a need that the state feels desperately, and it is a need which I feel we would be thoroughly irresponsible if we did not meet in this session.

So, in the interest of keeping this particular bill alive, and I hope that the other bill is likewise alive in the other body, until such time as we can put these matters into a posture so that the legislature as a whole can decide which route it wishes to travel, I would at this point support the motion by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, to accept Report "B".

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to Accept the Ought to Pass Report "B" of the Committee?

Thereupon, the Ought to Pass Report "B" of the Committee was Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The President laid before the Senate the fourth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Creating a Study Commission on Environmental Laws." (S. P. 642) (L. D. 1977)

Tabled — May 31, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

(Senate Amendment "A" (S-187))

On motion by Mr. Shute of Franklin, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the fifth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Providing Pensions for Former Governors and their Widows." (S. P. 363) (L. D. 1077)

Tabled — May 31, 1973 by Senator Sewall of Penobscot.