

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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this is a problem they are trying to do something about. For that reason, I hope the House will go along with a motion to table this unassigned and I will take it off the table as soon as I possibly can.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Bristol, Mrs. Sproul, that this matter be tabled unassigned pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Matheson from the Committee on Natural Resources reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Classifying Certain Waters in Salmon Falls-Piscataqua River Watershed" (H. P. 1013) (L. D. 1414)

Mr. Perry from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Classifying Certain Tidal Waters in Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 832) (L. D. 1147)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

At this point, Speaker Good returned to the rostrum and assumed the Chair as Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to congratulate the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, for his excellent job as Speaker pro tem. (Applause)

**Senate Order
Out of Order**

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and the House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, April 25th, at ten o'clock in the morning.

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Reckless Homicide, and Death Caused by Violation of Law, by Vehicle Operator" (S. P. 521) (L. D. 1545)

Bill "An Act Amending Charter of City of Waterville" (H. P. 825) (L. D. 1140)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**Third Reader
Amended**

Bill "An Act Revising Minimum Wage Law" (H. P. 1115) (L. D. 1537)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

Mr. Knight of Rockland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1115, L. D. 1537, Bill, "An Act Revising Minimum Wage Law."

Amend said Bill in section 7 by striking out all of that part designated "I" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"I. Examination of records, books, etc. Every employer subject to sections 132-A to 132-J shall keep a true and accurate record of the hours worked by each employee and the wages paid; and the Commissioner or his authorized representative may, and upon written complaint setting forth the violation of section 132-C, shall have authority to enter the place of business or employment of any employer or employees in the State, as defined in section 132-B, for the purpose of examining and inspecting any or all books, registers, payrolls and other such records of any such employer that in any way relate to or have a bearing upon the question of wages, hours and other conditions of employment of any such employees; and copy any or all of such books, registers, payrolls and other records as he or his authorized representative may deem necessary or appropriate; and question such employees in the presence of the employer or his authorized agent for the purpose of ascertaining whether sections 132-A to 132-J have been and are being complied with. Any and all information so received shall be considered as confidential and shall not be divulged to any other person or agency except insofar as

may be necessary for the enforcement of sections 132-A to 132-J”

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

Mr. KNIGHT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The minimum wage law today allows the Commissioner of Labor, upon written complaint, to enter the premises of an employer and examine any or all books of the employer relating to minimum wage. L. D. 1537 to which this amendment is offered, requires the employer to keep a true and accurate record of the hours worked of each employee and of the wages paid. L. D. 1537 allows the Commissioner of Labor to enter the premises of an employer on his own volition and does not require a prerequisite of a complaint being made. The present law as to what records can be examined is too broad. All this amendment does is to clarify the law and limit the records that the Commissioner may examine to those records that will now be required by law to be kept. I hope this amendment is adopted.

Thereupon, House Amendment “A” was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment “A” and sent to the Senate.

Resolve Authorizing the State Military Defense Commission to Convey Certain Land in Hancock County (S. P. 514) (L. D. 1534)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters of Aroostook County (H. P. 487) (L. D. 687)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolves read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill “An Act Creating the Town of Kittery Port Authority” (H. P. 682) (L. D. 960)

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.

Bill “An Act Repealing Laws Requiring that Cemeteries be Fenced” (H. P. 1008) (L. D. 1409)

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

Bill “An Act relating to Distribution of Obscene Literature to Minors” (S. P. 9) (L. D. 9)

Bill “An Act relating to Number of Members of Superintending School Committees” (S. P. 431) (L. D. 1391)

Were 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 Senate Amendment “A” and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Control of Missiles and Rockets (S. P. 430) (L. D. 1390)

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Hamlin, Aroostook County (H. P. 685) (L. D. 963)

An Act Revising the Laws relating to Veterinarians (H. P. 865) (L. D. 1200)

Finally Passed

Resolve relating to Opening Date for Open Water Fishing on Certain Waters (S. P. 34) (L. D. 59)

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

Enactor

Indefinitely Postponed

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on Umsaskis Lake and Long Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 488) (L. D. 688)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Casco, Mr. Moore.

Mr. MOORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In reference to this item five, it is quite