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would be conducted and financed by the state?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund, poses a question to any member of the House and any member of the House may answer if he so desires. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Bedard, who requests permission to answer the question. Is there any objection? The Chair hears none, the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. BEDARD: With the amendment to the bill, the state will.

Thereupon, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a division was had. 108 voted in favor of same and 15 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act Providing Moneys for National Legislative Conference to be Held in Maine in 1966 (S. P. 37) (L. D. 377)

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.

**Enactor**

**Tabled Until Later in Today's Session**

An Act Providing State Aid to Towns for Care of Poor Persons (S. P. 80) (L. D. 225)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Pendergast.

Mr. PENDERGAST: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question to the Chair. Have there been any amendments on this L. D. 225, sir?

The SPEAKER: Two amendments adopted, Senate Amendment "A", which is filing number S-316, and Committee Amendment "A", which is S-176.

On motion of the same gentleman, tabled pending passage to be enacted and assigned for later in today's session.

An Act Entering the State of Maine into the New England State Police Compact (S. P. 179) (L. D. 765)

An Act Increasing the Number of Justices of the Superior Court (S. P. 290) (L. D. 852)

An Act Exempting Liquor Bottled or Manufactured in Maine from Additional Taxes (S. P. 326) (L. D. 1048)

An Act relating to Retirement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court (S. P. 347) (L. D. 1114)

An Act Establishing a State Board of Pesticides Control (S. P. 420) (L. D. 1329)

An Act Clarifying the Inland Fisheries and Game Laws (S. P. 428) (L. D. 1375)

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 Increasing Compensation of Members of the Legislature, the Governor, Court Justices and Certain Department Heads (S. P. 520) (L. D. 1497)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. Speaker, another question through the Chair. I have on my desk Senate Amendment "D" to Senate Amendment "B", filing number S-343. Has this been presented and is it now part of the bill?

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I can answer that question because I just came from the office of the Secretary of the Senate, and this morning that amendment was not presented to the Senate but it may be this afternoon.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act Revising the Minimum Wage Law (S. P. 526) (L. D. 1504)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque. There have been so many amendments on this I am confused as to the final amendment stage of the bill. May he explain, please.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz, poses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, who may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In answer to the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz, as to what the final number of the amendments are on the bill now, I am unable to give him the exact information.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman want to know the final filing numbers on the bill?

Mr. KATZ: Mr. Speaker, specifically then may I ask what are the final dispositions of hospitals and time and a half over forty-eight hours?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz, poses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, who may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. LEVESQUE: In answer to the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz, the hospitals and nursing homes are under the provisions of the Minimum Wage after forty-eight hours, which will be time and a half after forty-eight hours.

I might add at this time that there was a question of intent in two of the paragraphs that might have been conflicting in the bill from the Assistant Attorney General. It was only a purpose of intent to the Legislature that these hospitals and nursing homes, or charitable organizations, were part

of the bill, and the intent there was certainly to have the nursing homes and hospitals as part of the Minimum Wage. And in another paragraph it says, any individual engaged, which was not to our intent that the elimination of the hospitals and nursing homes come under any of the provisions of the Minimum Wage bill before us. It has always been our intent that they be included in the Minimum Wage provisions.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act Creating the Investment of State Funds Law (S. P. 555) (L. D. 1564)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Speaking for the Republicans in the 102nd Legislature, we resist the features of this bill and feel that it is a risky business, to allow our retirees' funds to be subject to speculation. Therefore when the vote is taken I move that it be taken by division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Graham.

Mr. GRAHAM: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: As we have said before, and I will say it briefly, this bill has been based on the soundest type of research, it is drawn from this Commissioner report, Investments of Idle Cash Balances by State and Local Governments, drawn up by the Advisory Committee on Intergovernment Relations in Washington. It is approved by investment counsel, it is drawn from many features of the present bill regarding investment of state funds, and we feel that it is not only a good bill but it is so good that that is why it is arousing so much opposition. And I would like to remind the majority party that the minority party has made an issue of this bill and we, the majority party, can only rise to that challenge.