

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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way to be able to say to these people that if you want Sunday liquor, or if you don't want Sunday liquor, the results will depend on your efforts in your community.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 2, 1969, pending Adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that Bill, "An Act to Exempt Seamen from the Payment of Overtime Wages" (H. P. 693) (L. D. 893), be passed to be engrossed?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: It has come to my attention that there are possibilities in this bill of working hardships on employees of others probably than the operation that it might be intended to benefit. I am not an expert on labor law, but I think that this bill, which would exempt seamen from the provisions of overtime payment, would possibly set the clock back as far as some of our existing operations go of the marine industry.

I believe the bill was primarily intended to help out seasonal operations, particularly in one coastal community, of an excursion boat type where there might be summer college employment situations. However, this does not pinpoint such coverage, but does exempt flatly seamen. Accordingly, I think that we have a problem of ferry operations, commercial vessel operations, and so forth. It seems to me that what is being attempted here goes far beyond the things that should be done, even if they should be done just to exempt this summer-type of operation. I think that probably the bill was well intentioned, but the effects would be poor, and I would move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, moves that Item 7-5, Bill, "An Act to Exempt Seamen from the Payment of Overtime Wages" (H. P.

693) (L. D. 893) be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Tanous.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Tanous of Penobscot, tabled and specially assigned for Friday, April 4, 1969, pending the motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland that the Bill be Indefinitely Postponed.

House - As Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Minimum Speed Under the Motor Vehicle Law." (H. P. 696) (L. D. 896)

Bill, "An Act to Increase Workmen's Compensation Payments for Disfigurement." (H. P. 820) (L. D. 1059)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, as Amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Prohibiting Furnishing Liquor to Certain Persons." (S. P. 211) (L. D. 620)

Which was Read a Second Time.

On motion by Mr. Dunn of Oxford, tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 2, 1969, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Bill, "An Act to Designate an Official Mineral for the State of Maine." (S. P. 418) (L. D. 1408)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senate - As Amended

Bill, "An Act Providing for a Seven Member Council for the City of Westbrook." (S. P. 217) (L. D. 673)

Which was Read a Second Time.

On motion by Mr. Gordon of Cumberland, tabled and tomorrow assigned, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

An Act Revising the Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Law. (S. P. 145) (L. D. 426)

An Act Relating to Report of Insurance Companies of Fire Loss