

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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“An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1972 and June 30, 1973.” (S. P. 102) (L. D. 230)

Tabled—April 2, 1971 by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

On motion by Mr. Violette of Aroostook, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Acceptance of the Committee Report.

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

SENATE REPORTS — from the Committee on Labor on Bill, “An Act Increasing Minimum Wages.” (S. P. 16) (L. D. 44) Majority Report, Ought to Pass; Minority Report, Ought Not to Pass.

Tabled — April 2, 1971 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

The Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee was then Accepted and the Bill Read Once.

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

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Before this bill gets away from us this morning, I would like to call the Senate's attention to one feature of it which I think is extremely objectionable, a feature that will cause an extraordinary dislocation. Presently minimum wages are \$1.60 an hour, and this bill would push it up to \$2.00 an hour, starting in October of 1971, in one jump.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would suggest that no matter how pure your hearts are, you just don't know what dislocation is if you

pass this bill in its present form without putting some kind of a step feature in it such as the federal government always does. I would hope that those who like the bill would attempt to review it before giving its second reading tomorrow from the viewpoint of giving us the opportunity to approach from \$1.60 to \$2.00 on more than a crash basis.

Thereupon the Bill was Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

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

Bill, “An Act Increasing Fees of Witnesses in the Courts.” (S. P. 228) (L. D. 674)

Tabled — April 2, 1971 by Senator Johnson of Somerset.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Raising the Municipal Debt Limit from Seven and One-half to Fifteen Percent. (H. P. 83) (L. D. 123)

Tabled — April 2, 1971 by Senator Johnson of Somerset.

Pending — Motion by Senator Johnson of Somerset to Refer to Legal Affairs.

Thereupon, the Bill was Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.