

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Ethics Committee Report**

Kennebec Journal  
Augusta, Maine

Carrier, Carter, Chick, Churchill, Clark, Conley, Connolly, Cote, Cottrell, Cressey, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Dam, Deshaies, Donaghy, Dow, Drigotas, Dudley, Dunleavy, Dunn, Dyar, Emery, D. F.; Farley, Farrington, Faucher, Finemore, Flynn, Fraser, Gahagan, Gauthier, Genest, Goodwin, H.; Hancock, Herrick, Hobbins, Hunter, Immonen, Jacques, Kauffman, Kelleher, Kelley, Keyte, Kilroy, Lawry, LeBlanc, Lewis, J.; Lynch, MacLeod, Maddox, Martin, McCormick, McHenry, McMahon, McNally, Merrill, Mills, Morin, L.; Mulkern, Murchison, Murray, Norris, O'Brien, Palmer, Parks, Perkins, Peterson, Pontbriand, Pratt, Ricker, Ross, Santoro, Shaw, Shute, Silverman, Simpson, L. E.; Smith, S.; Snowe, Soulas, Sproul, Strout, Talbot, Tanguay, Tierney, Trask, Twitchell, Tyndale, Walker, Webber, White, Whitzell, Wood, M. E.

ABSENT — Briggs, Brown, Evans, Fecteau, Greenlaw, Jackson, Jalbert, Knight, LaPointe, Rolde.

Yes, 38; No, 101; Absent, 10.

The SPEAKER: Thirty-eight having voted in the affirmative and one hundred one in the negative, with ten being absent, the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

Thereupon, the Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters acted upon in concurrence and all matters requiring Senate concurrence were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

#### (Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, Recessed until one thirty in the afternoon.

#### After Recess 1:30 P.M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following papers from the Senate appearing on Supplement No. 1 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

#### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Election Laws" (S. P. 729) (L. D. 2141) reporting "Ought to pass" in New Draft (S. P. 914) (L. D. 2526) under same title.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-373), Senate Amendment "B" (S-380), Senate Amendment "C" (S-388), Senate Amendment "D" (S-397).

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the New Draft read once.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-373) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence. Senate Amendment "B" (S-380) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence. Senate Amendment "C" (S-388) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence. Senate Amendment "D" (S-397) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence and the New Draft assigned for second reading tomorrow.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage" (H. P. 1801) (L. D. 2321) Report A "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" (H-744) was adopted in the House on March 11 and the Bill passed to be engrossed on March 12.

Came from the Senate with Report B "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "B" (H-745) accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dixfield, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I move we recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dixfield, Mr. Rollins, moves that the House recede and concur with the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. McTeague.

Mr. McTEAGUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As the members of the House are well aware, we passed by a very significant margin the \$2.20

minimum wage. Unfortunately, the other body did not see fit to go along with that and they went to \$2. This body has, during this session, I think demonstrated not only a concern for the people of Maine, as their House of Representatives, but also their willingness to seek a middle way, even at the expense of those that can least afford it.

We are in the process of preparing an amendment to seek a middle way between \$2 and \$2.20. I hope that someone in the House would table the matter until later in today's session so that we can offer that amendment.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Rollins of Dixfield to recede and concur and later today assigned.

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(Off Record Remarks)

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Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

MR. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Last week, I took quite a slap from the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Bither, without opening my mouth. Yesterday afternoon, I stood on my feet for about five minutes to state what I intended to do today. I stated very clearly that smoking was very dangerous for me. I stated very clearly why we were having so much absenteeism. I stated very clearly what I intended to do. I so stated to the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Bither. This morning, under absolute and proper procedure, when the Speaker of this House said "Orders," I got up and properly presented an order. If I was so out of order, I would like to know. If somebody didn't table the bill, that is none of my lookout. If somebody tables a bill when I am in the hospital or wherever I am, that is their lookout if they do it. It has been done for me, and I have done it for others. But as far as I am concerned, I have taken enough slapping around from the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Bither. If he kicks back, believe you me, my wrath will come out very, very, very strong.

I claim that I have got as good manners as anybody in this House, and I

get kicked around just so long, and then I start fighting back, and I know how.

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(Off Record Remarks)

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Establishing the Legislative Compensation Commission" (H. P. 2023) (L. D. 2566) which was indefinitely postponed in the House on March 12.

Came from the Senate with the Bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Simpson.

MR. SIMPSON: Mr. Speaker, I move we adhere.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Smith.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I move we recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, moves that the House recede and concur. The Chair will order a vote. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

Thereupon, Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All those desiring a roll call vote will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Greenlaw.

MR. GREENLAW: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I hope this afternoon that we would vote to recede and concur on this measure. I was certainly slow to get on my feet to express my support for this measure yesterday, but I do think that this idea of a Legislative Compensation Commission that would meet once every four years to review legislative salaries and expenses is extremely important. I think we all agree that they did an excellent job.