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Legislative Ethics Committee Report

Thereupon, the Communication was ordered placed on file.

The Chair laid before the House the following tabled and later today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Industrialized Housing Law," (H. P. 927) (L. D. 2558) which was passed to be engrossed in the House as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-746) on March 11. In Senate: Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-746) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-393) in non-concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, the House voted to recede and concur.

The Chair laid before the House the following tabled and later today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Increase the Cigarette Tax and Provide Funds for Catastrophic Medical Expense" (H. P. 1991) (L. D. 2535) which was passed to be engrossed in the House as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-729). In Senate: Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "B" in non-concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield to recede and concur and later today assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the following tabled and later today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Provide a Maine Homestead Property Tax Exemption Law" (H. P. 2027) (L. D. 2568) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 13. In Senate: Majority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted in non-concurrence.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish to recede and concur.

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

Mr. McTEAGUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I appreciate very much the courtesy of this House. I know all the members are familiar with the bill. I appreciate very much the support given on this bill. Unfortunately, as I understand it, although I was not

present in the other body, there was no explanation or debate on the bill.

I am not going to ask for a Committee of Conference or anything like that, but if the motion is in order, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we insist in order to have the bill considered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman that the pending motion is on the motion of the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Simpson, that the House recede and concur.

Mr. McTEAGUE: Mr. Speaker, I would ask then that you vote against the motion made by my good friend, the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Simpson, in order that my equally good friend and my colleague from Brunswick, Mr. LaCharite's motion to insist may come before you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Simpson, that the House recede and concur with the Senate. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

35 having voted in the affirmative and 75 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. LaCharite of Brunswick, the House voted to insist.

The Chair laid before the House the following tabled and later today assigned matter:

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.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the pending motion is the gentleman's motion from Dixfield, that we recede and concur with the other body. I would ask you to vote against

that motion, and when the vote is taken, I would ask for a roll call.

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 Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: A number of people have asked and said, what will happen if the other body should continue to insist? I don't think that is a problem at all, because if the other body wishes to do that, they can further insist on their action and we will get ourselves caught in a position where there will be no bill. I do not believe that the other body would do that at this time, because they are fully aware of the consequences that would have on Maine people.

I do think strongly that we ought to make one attempt, since the vote of the House was so substantial, to give the other body an opportunity to vote on the \$2.20. That is what this will do. If you vote against the motion to recede and concur, the next motion to be made would be the motion to insist.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Dixfield, Mr. Rollins, that the House Insist. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Baker, Bragdon, Cressey, Dunn, Garsoe, Huber, Hunter, Immonen, Knight, Lewis, J.; McKernan, McNally, Palmer, Pratt, Rollins.

NAY — Albert, Ault, Berry, G. W.; Berry, P. P.; Berube, Binnette, Birt, Bither, Boudreau, Brawn, Bunker, Bustin, Carey, Carter, Chick, Chonko, Churchill, Clark, Conley, Connolly, Cooney, Cote, Cottrell, Crommett, Curran, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Dam, Davis, Deshaies, Drigotas, Dunleavy, Dyar, Emery, D. F.; Evans, Farley, Farnham, Farrington, Faucher, Ferris, Finemore,

Flynn, Fraser, Gahagan, Gauthier, Genest, Good, Goodwin, H.; Goodwin, K.; Greenlaw, Hamblen, Hancock, Hobbins, Hoffses, Jackson, Jalbert, Kauffman, Kelleher, Kelley, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, LaCharite, Lawry, Lewis, E.; Littlefield, Lynch, MacLeod, Mahany, Martin, Maxwell, McCormick, McHenry, McMahan, McTeague, Merrill, Mills, Morin, L.; Morin, V.; Morton, Mulkern, Murchison, Murray, Najarian, Norris, O'Brien, Parks, Perkins, Peterson, Pontbriand, Shaw, Shute, Silverman, Simpson, L. E.; Smith, D. M.; Snowe, Soulas, Sproul, Stillings, Strout, Susi, Talbot, Theriault, Tierney, Trask, Twitchell, Tyndale, Walker, Webber, Wheeler, White, Whitzell, Willard, Wood, M. E.; The Speaker.

ABSENT — Briggs, Brown, Cameron, Carrier, Donaghy, Dow, Dudley, Fecteau, Herrick, Jacques, LaPointe, LeBlanc, Maddox, Ricker, Rolde, Ross, Santoro, Sheltra, Smith, S.; Tanguay, Trumbull.

Yes, 15; No, 114; Absent, 21.

The SPEAKER: Fifteen having voted in the affirmative and one hundred fourteen in the negative, with twenty-one being absent, the motion does not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, the House voted to insist.

The Chair laid before the House the following tabled and later today assigned matter:

Joint Order (H. P. 2025) Relative to Legislative Council Study of Utilizing the Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan for a Veterans Home which was read and passed in the House on March 8.

Comes from the Senate with the Joint Order indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, retabled pending further consideration and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the following tabled and later today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Increase the Cigarette Tax and Provide Funds for Catastrophic Medical Expense" (H. P. 1991) (L. D. 2535) which was passed to be engrossed