

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NAY — Albert, Cox, Gauthier, LaPointe, Martin, A.; Morton, Raymond.

ABSENT — Carroll, Connolly, Farnham, Gray, Hewes, Hinds, Jacques, Kauffman, Mackel, Martin, R.; Miskavage, Norris, Peakes, Spencer, Susi. Yes, 128; No, 7; Absent, 15.

The SPEAKER: One hundred twenty-eight having voted in the affirmative and seven in the negative, with fifteen being absent, the motion does prevail.

Sent to the Senate.

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

RESOLVE, to Adjust the Retirement Allowance under the State Retirement Laws for Donald A. Yeaton of Winthrop (S. P. 450) (L. D. 1509)

Tabled — May 6 by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-258) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Livermore Falls, Mr. Lynch.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Noing the fiscal note on this, if I was Mr. Yeaton, I would be a little bit disturbed, because they figure he is going to live to about 66 or 67 years of age. If he survives that, the fiscal note is not sufficient.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

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

An Act to Protect Landowners Whose Land Abuts Land on Which Ten or More Acres of Timber is to be Harvested. (H. P. 1545) (L. D. 1862)

Tabled — May 6 by Mr. Ault of Wayne.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Ault of Wayne, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.50 an Hour" (H. P. 148) (L. D. 173)

In House — Report "A" of the Committee on Labor accepted and a New Draft (H. P. 1520) (L. D. 1833) passed to be engrossed on April 23.

In Senate — Report "B" of the Committee on Labor accepted and a New Draft under New Title (H. P. 1521) (L. D. 1834) passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Tabled — May 6 by Mr. Rolde of York

Pending — Further Consideration.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Tierney.

Mr. TIERNEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that the House insist and request a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Durham, Mr. Tierney, moves the House insist and asks for the yeas and nays.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bridgton, Mrs. Tarr.

Mrs. TARR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move we recede and concur and I would speak briefly to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Bridgton, Mrs. Tarr, moves that the House recede and concur.

The gentlewoman may proceed.

Mrs. TARR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This morning I spoke to my esteem leadership, Mr. Palmer, I thought I would let him know that I would like to speak to this motion and he said, "Fine, you go ahead but you are going to lose it." Well, this isn't the first time that I have lost something. I just want one more time to urge you to recede and concur with the other body. Things haven't changed with the small businessman since we heard the bill the first time. They are still struggling, they are still in the worst economic crisis that we have ever had. There are still 52,000 people unemployed in the State of Maine. I am asking you, please, to be fair, we have been called Scrooges, the small businessman has been maligned, feels that we don't want to help the small working man, that is not true. I am asking you this morning to be fair, to be equitable, and let us both have a break, your small businessman and your workers and get this thing on the road so people will hire their summer employment and get it along to where they will get a raise and the small businessman can afford to give it to him.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Laffin.

Mr. LAFFIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I didn't ask Mr. Palmer if I could speak today, but I am going to speak anyway. I sat next to my good friend, Mrs. Tarr, on the Labor Committee, and she and I disagree on this 100 percent.

The state needs \$2.50 an hour. It is a very important issue for the working people of the lower class people of this state. \$2.50 is not a great amount of money and it is not this type of legislation that hurts the small businessman. I have spoke on that before. There is legislation that definitely hurts them but this is not it. The small working man of this state and women, the lowest paid people of this state should have the consideration and the respect of this legislature to enact a \$2.50 minimum wage. To be number one in this state, to pay our lowest people the highest money that this country can offer, I consider this a pleasure and an honor to be a part of it. I would urge the members of this house to support the \$2.50 an hour minimum wage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Tierney.

Mr. TIERNEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I request a roll call and hope everyone will vote no on the pending motion.

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 Bangor, Mr. McKernan.

Mr. MCKERNAN: Mr. Speaker and

Members of the House: The gentleman from Stow, Mr. Wilfong, is not here, would he present he would be voting no. I would be voting yes, so I would like to pair with him.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. McKernan, wishes to pair his vote with the gentleman from Stow, Mr. Wilfong, if he were present and voting, he would be voting no and if the gentleman from Bangor were voting, he would be voting yes.

The SPEAKER: The pending motion before the House is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Bridgton, Mrs. Tarr, that the House recede and concur on Bill, "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.50 an Hour" House Paper 148, L. D. 173. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL

YEA — Ault, Bagley, Birt, Blodgett, Burns, Byers, Conners, Curtis, DeVane, Doak, Dudley, Durgin, Dyer, Garsoe, Gould, Gray, Higgins, Hinds, Hunter, Hutchings, Immonen, Jackson, Kelley, Lavery, Leonard, Lewin, Lizotte, Lovell, Lunt, Mackel, MacLeod, McBairty, McMahon, Miskavage, Morton, Palmer, Perkins, S.; Perkins, T.; Peterson, P.; Pierce, Rideout, Rollins, Snowe, Sprowl, Tarr, Teague, Torrey, Tyndale, Walker, Webber.

NAY — Albert, Bachrach, Bennett, Berry, G. W.; Berry, P. P.; Berube, Boudreau, Bowie, Bustin, Call, Carey, Carpenter, Carter, Chonko, Churchill, Clark, Connolly, Cooney, Cote, Cox, Curran, P.; Curran, R.; Dam, Davies, Dow, Drigotas, Farley, Faucher, Fenlason, Finemore, Flanagan, Fraser, Gauthier, Goodwin, H.; Goodwin, K.; Greenlaw, Hall, Henderson, Hennessey, Hobbins, Hughes, Ingegneri, Jalbert, Jensen, Joyce, Kany, Kelleher, Kennedy, Laffin, LaPointe, LeBlanc, Lewis, Littlefield, MacEachern, Mahany, Martin, A.; Martin, R.; Maxwell, Mills, Mitchell, Morin, Mulkern, Nadeau, Najarian, Norris, Pelosi, Peterson, T.; Post, Powell, Quinn, Raymond, Rolde, Saunders, Shute, Silverman, Smith, Snow, Strout, Stubbs, Talbot, Theriault, Tierney, Tozier, Truman, Twitchell, Usher, Wagner, Winship, The Speaker.

ABSENT — Carroll, Farnham, Hewes, Jacques, Kauffman, Lynch, Peakes, Spencer, Susi.

PAIRED — McKernan, Wilfong.

Yes, 50; No, 89; Absent, 9.

The SPEAKER: Fifty having voted in the affirmative and eighty-nine in the negative, with nine being absent, the motion does not prevail.

Thereupon the House voted to Insist.

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

An Act to Amend the Protection and Improvement of Air Statutes. (H. P. 694) (L. D. 881)

Tabled — May 6 by Mr. Peterson of Windham

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Windham, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I now have a task before me which I am not all that excited about performing, but I feel I must as House Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee.

L.D. 881, the basic purpose of this L. D., is to simplify and clarify the existing air qualities control statutes. The proposed