

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Dog Licenses and Dog License Fees" (S. P. 337) (L. D. 1125)

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 17-A in concurrence.

### Leave to Withdraw

Committee on Agriculture reporting Leave to Withdraw on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Approval by the Commissioner of Agriculture of all Exhibition Dates of Agricultural Fairs" (Emergency) (S. P. 333) (L. D. 1119)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted.

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

### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Education reporting "Ought to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide an Agricultural Education Consultant within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services" (S. P. 202) (L. D. 669)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. KATZ of Kennebec  
BERRY of Androscoggin  
THOMAS of Waterville

— of the Senate.

Mrs. MITCHELL of Vassalboro

Mrs. LEWIS of Auburn

Messrs. TYNDALE of Kennebunkport

BAGLEY of Winthrop

CARROLL of Limerick

CONNOLLY of Portland

POWELL of Wallagrass  
Plantation

— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LYNCH of Livermore Falls

FENLASON of Danforth

INGEGNERI of Bangor

— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House: Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Powell of Wallagrass Plantation, the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report was accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.30 an Hour" (H. P. 1521) (L. D. 1834) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-316) in the House on May 14.

Came from the Senate with that Body having adhered to its previous action of passage to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stow, Mr. Wilfong.

Mr. WILFONG: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: It is not a happy day for the minimum wage workers in the State of Maine. We who believe in a higher minimum wage have done all we can. We have exhausted every remedy, we have tried every amendment and we have failed. The only motion now left before us is the motion to recede and concur. It represents a pittance to the Maine workers who work in our shoe shops, wait on tables,

pump gas and scrub floors, but we cannot deny them their benefits, no matter how small.

The motion will bring a \$2.30 an hour minimum wage to Maine workers in October. It is too little and it is too late, but it is all we can do. So, with a heavy heart, I make the motion that the House recede and concur.

Thereupon, Mr. McMahon of Kennebunk requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: 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 Lewiston, Mr. Cote.

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am going to go along with the motion to recede and concur, but like the gentleman from Stow, Mr. Wilfong, just said, it is not my intention just to leave it at \$2.30 an hour, but it is all we can do and I want to be on the record to recede and concur because we have to.

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

### ROLL CALL

YEA — Albert, Ault, Bachrach, Bagley, Bennett, Berry, G. W.; Berry, P. P.; Berube, Birt, Blodgett, Boudreau, Bowie, Burns, Bustin, Byers, Call, Carey, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Chonko, Clark, Conners, Cooney, Cote, Cox, Curran, P.; Curtis, Dam, Davies, Doak, Drigotas, Durgin, Dyer, Farley, Farnham, Faucher, Fenlason, Finemore, Flanagan, Fraser, Garsoe, Goodwin, K.; Gould, Gray, Greenlaw, Hall, Henderson, Hennessey, Higgins, Hinds, Hobbins, Hughes, Hunter, Hutchings, Immonen, Ingegneri, Jackson, Jacques, Jalbert, Jensen, Joyce, Kauffman, Kelley, Kennedy, Laffin, Leonard, Lewin, Lewis, Littlefield, Lizotte, Lovell, Lunt, Lynch, MacEachern, MacLeod, Mahany, Martin, A.; Maxwell, McBreairty, McKernan, McMahon, Mitchell, Morin, Morton, Mulkern, Nadeau, Najarian, Palmer, Peakes, Pelosi, Perkins, S.; Perkins, T.; Peterson, P.; Peterson, T.; Pierce, Powell, Raymond, Rideout, Rolde, Rollins, Shute, Silverman, Smith, Snow, Snowe, Spencer, Sprowl, Strout, Stubbs, Susi, Talbot, Tarr, Theriault, Tierney, Torrey, Truman, Twitchell, Tyndale, Usher, Wagner, Walker, Wilfong, Winship, The Speaker.

NAY — Curran, R.; Kany, Kelleher, Quinn, Saunders, Tozier.

ABSENT — Churchill, Connolly, DeVane, Dow, Dudley, Gauthier, Goodwin, H.; Hewes, LaPointe, Laverty, LeBlanc, Mackel, Martin, R.; Mills, Miskavage, Norris, Post, Teague, Webber. Yes, 125; No, 6; Absent, 19.

The SPEAKER: One hundred twenty-five having voted in the affirmative and six in the negative, with nineteen being absent, the motion does prevail.

### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Possession of Radio Receiver Crystals Used to Receive Certain Governmental Frequencies" (S. P. 188) (L. D. 622) on which the Minority "Ought Not to Pass" Report of the

Committee on Legal Affairs was read and accepted in the House on May 15.

Came from the Senate with that Body having insisted on its former action whereby the Majority "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-129) Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs was read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended and asked for a Committee of Conference.

In the House:

Mr. Jacques of Lewiston moved that the House adhere.

Mr. Carey of Waterville moved that the House Insist and join in a Committee of Conference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker, if I am out of order, you can call me out of order, but we have been getting so many good bills back that we have passed in here, worked hard on them, we have done a good job on them, and we are getting them back from the body at the other end of the hall all killed or changed over. It is getting pretty near to a point, I think most of the members will agree with me this morning, that we should fight back once in a while. Here we are this morning going right along in their hands.

We have a bill that was defeated very soundly in this House, very, very soundly in this House, and now they are asking us "ought to pass" and join a committee of conference. Why not kill that insist and vote to adhere and just show them once and for all that we can stand on our own feet. We aren't going to be led by 33 members, 151 of us. It is pretty near time that we stood up and fought back. We are getting all kinds of measures killed here this morning right and left, measures that I will speak on later and I know many more will. But I hope this morning this body will go along and vote down the insist and ask for a committee of conference and then vote to adhere.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Carey, that the House insist and join in a Committee of Conference. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

19 having voted in the affirmative and 94 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Jacques of Lewiston, the House voted to adhere.

### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Increase Certain Weight Limits for Class 2 and Class 3 Motor Vehicle Licenses" (H. P. 1369) (L. D. 1650) on which the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report of the Committee on Transportation was read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed in the House on May 15.

Came from the Senate with the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report of the Committee on Transportation read and accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington moved that the House Insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Here is an example of just what I have been telling you. Here is one that all over the whole