

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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of the House: It is true that there were no opponents among the banks for this particular bill. But it is also true that there were no supporters among banks for this bill in the State of Maine, either appearing at the hearing or the work session, no supporters who came from the banks themselves and testified.

My initial reaction to this bill, when it came to the committee, was that it provided a large bank an opportunity to come into a small community and, in effect, skim the deposits. I used the example in the committee hearing of perhaps somebody sitting outside of the Pinkham Lumber Company location and skimming the deposits that would be normally flowed to the local banks in the area. The committee apparently recognized some of the possibilities because they rewrote the bill. I still think that this is one of those bills that is a waste of time. I made calls after the session. I could find no banks that were interested in providing mobile banking. They pointed out to me that the cost of the unit would be in the order of \$50,000 to \$100,000 minimum and obviously, they would have to have someone riding shotgun to protect them while on the roads.

I see this as a make-work bill and not as something that lends a lot service to the folks of the State of Maine. So, I would urge you to save some money and vote against this bill.

The Speaker: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question before the House is the motion of the Representative from Bangor, Representative Murray, that the House accept the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 39 in the negative, the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report was accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading, Wednesday, February 26, 1986.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-531) on Bill "An Act to Equalize the State Tipping Minimum Wage and the Federal Tipping Minimum Wage" (H.P. 1376) (L.D. 1939)

Signed:

Senators: BLACK of Cumberland
DUTREMBLE of York
TUTTLE of York

Representatives: RUHLIN of Brewer
BEAULIEU of Portland
TAMMARO of Baileyville
HALE of Sanford
WILLEY of Hampden
BEGLEY of Waldoboro
JOSEPH of Waterville

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

Signed:

Representatives: BONNEY of Falmouth
HEPBURN of Skowhegan
LANDER of Greenville

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Beaulieu. Representative BEAULIEU: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I move acceptance of the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Hepburn. Representative HEPBURN: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I would just like to go over a couple of the reasons why I voted on the minority side. This bill has to do with the minimum wage paid to waitresses and currently there is a two-tiered system whereby waitresses in large restaurants operate under federal rules and those under smaller restaurants operate under state rules. Right now, that federal minimum is \$2.01 an hour. That is what the restaurant owners or managers are required to pay their help. Our state minimum is a little bit lower than that; however, the restaurants that are regulated by state law have a lower gross income so therefore they are theoretically not able to pay as quite a large amount.

Basically, the reason that I voted against this was that I personally think that we should not be regulating how much they pay. I think that should be determined between employer and employee. I think that it just another incursion into the free market system here in the State of Maine. I hope that you would vote with the minority.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hampden, Representative Willey.

Representative WILLEY: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: As you know Representative Beaulieu and I are frequently on different sides of labor issues. I am proud to say that this time we are both on the same side. And although I do not propose that we create another state holiday to commemorate this event, I would appreciate it if you would support the Majority Report.

The Speaker: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question before the House is the motion of the Representative from Portland, Representative Beaulieu, that the House accept the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

86 having voting in the affirmative and 23 in the negative, the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report was accepted, the bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-531) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The bill was assigned for second reading, Wednesday, February 26, 1986.

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIRST DAY