

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Additional papers from the House, out of order and under suspension of the rules, disposed of in concurrence.

Orders Out of Order

On motion of Mr. Burkett of Cumberland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that the State Librarian be directed to forward bound copies of the Legislative Record to members and officers of the Senate, at their home address.

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, out of order and under suspension of the rules it was

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Buildings be directed to deliver to the Secretary of the Senate at his home, such equipment and supplies as the Secretary shall deem necessary for use in completing and indexing the Journal of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Sagadahoc, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that the offices occupied by the President and Secretary of the Senate and equipment therein remain under their respective control.

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that the desk and chair in the office of the President of the Senate be presented to the President of the Senate, and delivered to his home address.

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the State Librarian mail to each member and officer of the House, and Senate a copy of the Public Laws of this session when completed. (S. P. 724)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

(Out of order and under suspension of the rules.)

Bill "An Act Relative to Resident Fishing and Hunting Licenses." (S. P. 132, L. D. 79)

Mr. ASHBY of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move the indefinite

postponement of that bill relative to Resident Fishing and Hunting Licenses and ask for a roll call.

Mr. SCHNURLE of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I regret at this late date and hour that I have to make even a small speech. I assure you it will be small. We know that the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Ashby, has opposed this bill from the start. He has a right to his own opinions and his own convictions and I respect him for them. I did hardly think that he would move for the indefinite postponement of this bill when it has reached this stage. The majority are in favor of this bill and we have raised the age limit from sixteen to eighteen years, which is going to take considerable revenue from the department. We have several projects, which if we do not pass this bill, we will be unable to maintain, projects which will provide more fish and game for Maine and go along with the scheme of advertising its resources. I trust the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Ashby, will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Ashby, moves the indefinite postponement in non-concurrence of bill, An Act Relative to Resident Fishing and Hunting Licenses and asks for a roll call. As many as are in favor of the vote being taken by the Yeas and Nays will rise.

A sufficient number having arisen the Yeas and Nays were ordered.

The President: The question is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Ashby, that bill An Act Relative to Resident Fishing and Hunting Licenses be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor of the indefinite postponement of this bill will answer Yes when their names are called. Those opposed to the indefinite postponement will answer No when their names are called. The Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll.

Yea—Ashby, Fernald of Wald.

McDonald, Pillsbury, Worcester—5.

Nay—Bartlett, Billings, Bissett,

Blaisdell, Blanchard, Bodge, Burkett of Knox, Burkett of Cumberland, Burns, Carll, Fernald of York,

Friend, Goodwin, Harmon, Haskell,

Hathaway, Hussey, Jackson, Martin,

Pinansky, Potter, Schnurle, Thatcher,

Weeks, Winn—25.

Absent—Cowan, Tompkins—2.

Five having voted in the affirmative and twenty-five in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Thereupon, the bill was passed to be enacted.

Passed to be Enacted

(Out of order and under suspension of the rules.)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Chapter 117 of Private and Special Laws of 1933 Relating to the Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge District." (S. P. 252) (L. D. 201)

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Appointment of a Commission on Revision of the Laws Relating to the Protection of Ground Fish." (S. P. 642) (L. D. 807)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Boundary Line for the Town of Fayette." (S. P. 666) (L. D. 850)

Bill "An Act Relative to Open Season on Moose." (H. P. 433) (L. D. 116)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Suspension of Bounties on Porcupines and Hedgehogs." (H. P. 1269) (L. D. 563)

Bill "An Act Relating to Game Preserves at Back Bay." (H. P. 1825) (L. D. 876)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Biddeford." (H. P. 1871) (L. D. 932)

Finally Passed

(Out of order and under suspension of the rules.)

"Resolve in Favor of Harry E. Rowell of Saco." (S. P. 723)

"Resolve in Favor of the Charles H. Cutter Coal Company, of Boston." (H. P. 1869) (L. D. 936)

Passed to be Enacted

(Out of order and under suspension of the rules.)

Bill, An Act to Provide for Old Age Pensions. (H. P. 1794, L. D. 816)

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, tabled pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BISSETT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move to reconsider our action just taken whereby on motion by Mr. Blaisdell, this bill was tabled.

Mr. BLAISDELL of Hancock: Mr. President, I understand a motion to reconsider opens the matter for discussion?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the Senator is correct.

Mr. BISSETT: Mr. President, I yield to Senator Harmon.

Mr. HARMON of Hancock: Mr. President and members of the Senate, through the four years that I have been on this committee I have made quite an extensive study of this subject and I do not know how deep to go into this matter but I will say this, that the cost of taking this old age pension through for the first year will undoubtedly leave the state \$300,000. I make this statement from that fact that New Hampshire who has a similar pension, the first year there were 3.2% of those of available age received a pension.

Now, the total number in New Hampshire of pensionable age under this act is twenty-five thousand. In Maine it is estimated that there are of pensionable age, all persons, a little over thirty thousand and the maximum number who will apply for pensions under this act it is estimated will be approximately ten percent, or three thousand. These figures I think we have gone over before and the maximum cost would be \$540,000.

Now, since the question of funds seems to have arisen I wish to call the attention of the Senate to these facts, that when the budget was made up there was before us the report of the new income which was coming into the state of Maine, the estimated income which would be turned into Maine from the liquor stores. This was \$325,000 plus \$225,000 from the licenses in beer, making \$550,000, and on that basis we had a balanced budget. After the first twelve weeks of operation the estimate, which I feel is absolutely sound, of the income from these stores was placed to be between \$650,000 and \$700,000. Now, that was the first of March. The first of April, after operation for sixteen weeks, the estimate of the liquor commission now is that there will be turned into the State Treasury from these stores \$1,100,000. That will give us a balanced budget and \$550,000. It seems to me, where the state of New Hampshire already has an old age pension, that we can put into operation an old age pension and I hope that you will pass this bill and put it in operation or else kill the bill altogether because during the past two years I have had many aged people come to me who thought that an old age pension law was actually in operation, and many