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(H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1733) Bill "An Act To Obtain Severance Pay for the Employees of Great Northern Paper Company" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-815)**

On motion of Representative TREADWELL of Carmel, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Treadwell.

Representative **TREADWELL**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to speak very briefly to this bill. This is a bipartisan piece of legislation that was sponsored by the good Representative from Millinocket, Representative Clark and cosponsored by four other members of this body and Senator Davis from the other body.

The intent of the bill is to recover or collect some of the money that is owed to those displaced workers from Great Northern Paper Mill as a result of the closing and the bankruptcy that was filed by the previous owners of that mill. The Assistant Attorney General that testified before our committee said that the union didn't have the money to represent those employees to do the legal work that was required. I find it hard to understand why the unions couldn't defend those people, those members that had been paying those dues to that mill. I think it is a very worthwhile for us here in the Legislature to step and try to recover some of that money. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I request a roll call.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Committee Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to accept the Committee Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 373**

YEA - Adams, Andrews, Annis, Ash, Austin, Barstow, Bennett, Berry, Berube, Bierman, Blanchette, Bliss, Bowen, Bowles, Brannigan, Breault, Brown R, Browne W, Bryant-Deschenes, Bull, Bunker, Campbell, Canavan, Carr, Churchill E, Churchill J, Clark, Clough, Collins, Courtney, Craven, Cressey, Crosthwaite, Cummings, Curley, Daigle, Davis, Dudley, Dugay, Dunlap, Duplessie, Duprey B, Duprey G, Earle, Eder, Faircloth, Finch, Fischer, Fletcher, Gagne-Friel, Gerzofsky, Glynn, Greeley, Hatch, Heidrich, Honey, Hotham, Hutton, Jacobsen, Jennings, Jodrey, Joy, Kaelin, Kane, Ketterer, Koffman, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lerman, Lessard, Lewin, Lundeen, Mailhot, Makas, Marley, Marraché, McCormick, McGowan, McKee, McKenney, McLaughlin, Millett, Mills J, Mills S, Moody, Murphy, Muse, Norbert, Norton, Nutting, O'Brien J, O'Brien L, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Peavey-Haskell, Percy, Perry A, Perry J, Pineau, Pingree, Piotti, Rector, Richardson E, Richardson J, Richardson M, Rines, Rogers, Rosen, Saviello, Sherman, Shields, Simpson, Smith N, Smith W, Snowe-Mello, Stone, Sukeforth, Suslovic, Tardy, Thomas, Thompson, Tobin D, Tobin J, Trahan, Treadwell, Usher, Vaughan, Walcott, Watson, Wheeler, Woodbury, Wotton, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Beaudette, Bruno, Cowger, Goodwin, Grose, Jackson, Landry, Maietta, McGlocklin, McNeil, Moore, Pellon, Sampson, Sullivan, Sykes, Twomey.

Yes, 135; No, 0; Absent, 16; Excused, 0.

135 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 16 being absent, and accordingly the Committee Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-815) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-815)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**CONSENT CALENDAR  
Second Day**

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(S.P. 615) (L.D. 1683) Bill "An Act Creating the Central Maine Regional Public Safety Communication Center" (C. "A" S-454)

(S.P. 648) (L.D. 1716) Resolve, Regarding Participation in the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" S-443)

(S.P. 652) (L.D. 1719) Resolve, Authorizing the Conveyance of a Conservation Easement on a Parcel of Land on Peaks Island to the Peaks Island Land Preserve (C. "A" S-455)

(S.P. 656) (L.D. 1723) Bill "An Act To Establish a Monitoring Program of Maine Lakes Identified as Having Invasive Aquatic Species" (C. "A" S-450)

(S.P. 705) (L.D. 1858) Bill "An Act To Change the Point System for Clearing Vegetation Adjacent to Protected Natural Resources" (C. "A" S-448)

(S.P. 708) (L.D. 1862) Bill "An Act To Expand Access to Higher Education and Employment for Youth" (C. "A" S-445)

(S.P. 709) (L.D. 1863) Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Financing for Costs Associated with the Remediation of a Waste Oil Handling Facility Site in Plymouth" (C. "A" S-449)

(S.P. 720) (L.D. 1872) Bill "An Act To Extend the Deadline for Reconsideration by Boards of Appeals" (C. "A" S-444)

(H.P. 1425) (L.D. 1925) Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 5, WELS, in the Unorganized Territory to Cross Lake" (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-812)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in concurrence and the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**BILLS IN THE SECOND READING  
Senate as Amended in Non-Concurrence**

Bill "An Act To Increase Maine's Minimum Wage"

(S.P. 237) (L.D. 673)

(C. "A" S-359)

Was reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** and **READ** the second time.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, was **SET ASIDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and later today assigned.