

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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License Fees for Nonresidents paying more than \$150 in Property Taxes to a Municipality." (H. P. 622) (L. D. 763)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Smelt Fishing Seasons and Possession Limits." (H. P. 191) (L. D. 253)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Special Hunting and Fishing License Categories for Nonresidents who Pay \$100 or More in Real Property Taxes in Maine." (H. P. 752) (L. D. 974)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Defining the Term 'Camp Counselor' Under the Minimum Wage Law." (H. P. 1040) (L. D. 1281)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen the State Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund." (H. P. 823) (L. D. 996)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Seasonality provision of the Employment Security Law." (H. P. 873) (L. D. 1066)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act to Define Certain Industries as Seasonal Under the Provisions of the Employment Security Law." (H. P. 825) (L. D. 998)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Defining the Term 'Camp Counselor' under the Minimum Wage Law." (H. P. 636) (L. D. 817)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the State Lottery Commission from Controlling the Game of Beano." (H. P. 437) (L. D. 544)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Establish Arbor Week." (H. P. 766) (L. D. 959)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bills, Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Judiciary on, Bill, "An Act to Provide Interest on Judgments in Civil Actions." (H. P. 575) (L. D. 699)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-168).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed, as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto. (H-189)

Which Report was Read and Accepted, in concurrence, and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read, House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted in concurrence. Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto was Adopted, in concurrence, and the Bill, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Public Utilities on, Bill, "An Act to Dissolve the Lincoln Sanitary District." (H. P. 947) (L. D. 1142)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under New Title, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Transfer of All Assets and Liabilities Except Bonds and Notes, of the Lincoln Sanitary District to the Town of Lincoln and the Dissolution of the Lincoln Sanitary District." (H. P. 1450) (L. D. 1679)

Comes from the House, the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Report was Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bill, in New Draft, Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

(Off Record Remarks)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on,

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide that the Membership of the House of Representatives shall be Three Times that of the Senate and that each Senate District shall be Composed of Three Contiguous House Districts. (H. P. 839) (L. D. 1026)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Aroostook

Representatives:

DIAMOND of Windham

LOCKE of Sebec

CHURCHILL of Orland

VALENTINE of York

SILSBY of Ellsworth

CURRAN of South Portland

BACHRACH of Brunswick

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

COLLINS of Aroostook

SNOWE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MASTERTON of Cape Elizabeth

KANY of Waterville

STUBBS of Hallowell

Comes from the House, the Majority Report Read and Accepted.

Which reports were read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, I move the Senate accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report and would speak to my motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I note that today is the 50th

Legislative Day. We are halfway through, hopefully, our Session. This Bill provides for a Constitutional Amendment and was soundly defeated in the other Body. While I personally feel that it has some merit, in the interest of saving time, I hope you will support the Ought Not to Pass Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins, now moves the Senate accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President, I rise to support, however reluctantly, the pending Motion. For somewhat the same reasons, I would like to point out that there are two Bills on Page 6 of our Calendar today that deal with the same topic, two Resolves regarding changing the Constitution, particularly in support of lowering the size of the House of Representatives.

Earlier this Session there was a Leave to Withdraw Report on a Bill that I had sponsored to do somewhat the same thing. I would like to point out that at some point the Maine Legislature and people of the State ought to take a hard look at their Constitution to at least establish the size of the Senate and the size of the House in some direct proportion so that a certain number of House Districts could be combined to make the Senate Districts and thereby provide some logic.

But under the circumstances of the situation, it seems to me the best thing to do with the Resolves today is to follow the leadership of the Chairman of the State Government Committee.

Majority Ought Not to Pass.

Report of the Committee accepted.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Public Utilities on,

RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds for Repair of the Dam at the Outlet of Stetson Pond. (H. P. 1094) (L. D. 1318)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

COLLINS of Aroostook

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

TARR of Bridgton

BERRY of Buxton

SMITH of Mars Hill

McHENRY of Madawaska

WOOD of Sanford

PEARSON of Old Town

NADEAU of Sanford

CUNNINGHAM of New Gloucester

KELLEHER of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

CUMMINGS of Penobscot

Comes from the House, the Majority Report Read and accepted.

Which reports were read.

Majority Ought Not to Pass Report accepted in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on,

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Reducing the Size of the House of Representatives to 132 Members and Establishing the Size of the Senate at 33 Members. (H. P. 85) (L. D. 105)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Aroostook

Representatives: