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BERRY of Madison
ALBERT of Limestone
JACQUES of Lewiston

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers Indefinitely Postponed.

Which reports were Read.

Mr. Greeley of Waldo moved that the Bill be tabled, pending Acceptance of Either Committee Report.

Thereupon, on motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot, tabled until later in today's session, pending Acceptance of Either Committee Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Fees." (H. P. 730) (L. D. 907)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-702).

Signed:

Senators:

GREELEY of Waldo
McNALLY of Hancock
CYR of Aroostook

Representatives:

WINSHIP of Milo
ALBERT of Limestone
LUNT of Presque Isle
BERRY of Madison
FRASER of Mexico
WEBBER of Belfast
KAUFFMAN of Kittery

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Representatives:

STROUT of Corinth
JENSEN of Portland
JACQUES of Lewiston

Comes from the House, the Majority report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which reports were Read.

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot, tabled until later in today's session, pending Acceptance of Either Committee Report.

Senate

Ought to Pass — As Amended

Mr. Collins for the Committee on Judiciary on, Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws." (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1760)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-351).

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

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This is the omnibus errors and inconsistencies bill. You will find in your Senate Amendments notebook a group of white sheets which summarize and explain the many provisions of this act. There are still a number of amendments in the process of preparation, which are worthy and valid amendments, to become a part of this bill. It would be my suggestion that the Senate accept the committee report and advance this to second reading, and I will then place it on the table so that some of the things still being printed may be brought in later in today's session.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept the ought to pass as amended report of the committee?

Thereupon, the Ought to Pass as

Amended Report of the Committee was Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and, under suspension of the rules, the Bill, as Amended, was Read a Second Time.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland, tabled until later in today's session, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

An Act to Require Appointment of a Public Member to all Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards. (S. P. 106) (L. D. 361)

(On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, tabled until later in today's session, pending Enactment.)

An Act to Create the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. (S. P. 581) (L. D. 1935)

(On motion by Mr. Huber of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

An Act to Require Notification of Assistance to Indigent Persons. (H. P. 699) (L. D. 875)

An Act relating to Improved Property Tax Administration. (H. P. 882) (L. D. 1150)

(On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, tabled until later in today's session, pending Enactment.)

An Act to Regulate Business Practices Between Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers. (H. P. 1137) (L. D. 1766)

Which, except for the tabled matters, were Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Increasing the State Gasoline Tax." (H. P. 1055) (L. D. 1332)

Tabled — June 23, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

(In the House — Bill and Accompanying Papers Indefinitely Postponed.)

(In the Senate — Committee Amendment "A" (H-743) Adopted, in non-concurrence.)

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot, retabled until later in today's session, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Maine Housing Authorities Act by Creating a Loans-to-Lenders Program and Making Changes to Improve the Efficiency of Using Federal Housing Funds." (S. P. 286) (L. D. 1002) (Emergency)

Tabled — June 23, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Enactment.

(In the House — Passed to be Enacted.)

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot, retabled until later in today's session, pending Enactment.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Personnel

Classification and Functions of the Review and Evaluation and Fraud Investigation Division of the Department of Audit." (H. P. 1122) (L. D. 1409)

Tabled — June 23, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Motion of the Same Senator to Suspend the Rules for the Purpose of Reconsideration.

(In the House — Passed to be Enacted.)

(In the Senate — Passed to be Enacted.)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President, I am happy to be instrumental in making progress in the legislative procedure here now, after the last several items. The purpose of the amendment that I am about to offer is to remove from the classified service the proposal that members of the Review and Audit and Fraud Investigation Division be placed in the classified service, so I would move the pending question.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland, tabled until later in today's session, pending the motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec to Suspend the Rules for the purpose of Reconsideration.

The President laid before the Senate the fourth tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Increase Certain Hunting and Fishing License Fees." (H. P. 464) (L. D. 566)

Tabled — June 23, 1975 by Senator Johnston of Aroostook.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-784).)

(In the Senate — Committee Amendment "B" Adopted, in concurrence.)

Mr. Johnston of Aroostook moved the pending question.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley.

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I am not going to prolong this bill nor am I going to speak on it again after this morning, but I would just like to call your attention to one more item that has been supplied to the Senate this morning by the good Senator from Hancock, Senator McNally. If you look at the figures again that are being given to you by the Department of Fish and Game, under that portion which says "Reserve for hunting license sales," a decrease of 20 percent estimated, I think the good Senator will be honestly open and tell you that at the hearing the department clearly stated the decrease was estimated to be that of 15 percent. So it again is just another shuffling of figures that the department is doing to get this particular item through.

Mr. President, I move that this bill and all of its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed, and I would request a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Cianchette.

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. President, I looked into this bill since the debate