

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(H.P. 149) (L.D. 201) Bill "An Act Relating to Collision Damage Waivers for Rented Motor Vehicles" (C. "A" H-242)

On motion of Representative McCormick of Rockport, was removed from Consent Calendar, Second Day.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-242) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockport, Representative McCormick.

Representative MCCORMICK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to pose a question through the Chair.

L.D. 201 appears to prohibit a car leasing or rental company from holding a renter liable for damage to a rented vehicle under certain conditions. According to one of my constituents, this bill would for all practical purposes force all small car leasing firms in the State of Maine out of business if this bill is passed. My question is, how many complaints have we had in the State of Maine regarding this issue?

The SPEAKER: Representative McCormick of Rockport has posed a question through the Chair to any member who may respond if they so desire.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Washington, Representative Allen.

Representative ALLEN: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: The bill came to us as a result of complaints that have been received by the Consumer Division of the Bureau of Insurance. I don't have an enumeration on the exact number. We heard of several people who had called and complained. The problem is that CDW's are not insurance and, therefore, they probably would not be the one that would receive the bulk of the complaints.

Subsequently, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading Wednesday, May 24, 1989.

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 75) Resolve, Authorizing Lorraine Gray to Bring a Civil Action Against the State of Maine and Individual Past and Present Employees of the Department of Human Services (C. "A" H-243)

(H.P. 832) (L.D. 1164) Bill "An Act to Allow the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Bowling Centers" (C. "A" H-244)

(H.P. 266) (L.D. 378) Resolve, Authorizing Oscar and Wandalyn Rae Thompson to Bring Suit Against the State of Maine (C. "A" H-245)

(H.P. 709) (L.D. 970) Bill "An Act Regarding Political Party Enrollment" (C. "A" H-246)

(H.P. 228) (L.D. 312) Bill "An Act to Establish Consistent Daily Hours for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages" (C. "A" H-247)

(H.P. 371) (L.D. 502) Bill "An Act to Increase the Recording Fees for Services Rendered by the County Offices of Registry of Deeds" (C. "A" H-248)

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1096) Bill "An Act to Better Incorporate Vocational Education into High School Graduation Requirements"

(H.P. 585) (L.D. 789) Bill "An Act to Create the Youth-at-Risk Alternative Education Program" (C. "A" H-250)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were Passed to be Engrossed or Passed to be Engrossed as Amended and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Revised Maine Securities Act and Related Statutes" (H.P. 189) (L.D. 254)

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

Representative Rydell of Brunswick offered House Amendment "A" (H-237) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-237) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

Representative Tammaro of Baileyville offered House Amendment "B" (H-275) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" (H-275) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and House Amendment "B" thereto and sent up for concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED

Bill "An Act to Require Mandatory Checking of Motorists' Maintenance of Financial Responsibility" (H.P. 284) (L.D. 396)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, Passed to be Engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED

As Amended

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Hospitals" (H.P. 728) (L.D. 1005) (C. "A" H-232)

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

Representative Clark of Brunswick moved that L.D. 1005 and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Manning.

Representative MANNING: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would hope that we would not indefinitely postpone this bill. We talked about it yesterday and I don't want to prolong the debate but I think we made convincing arguments in yesterday's debate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question before the House is the motion of Representative Clark of Brunswick that L.D. 1005 and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

50 having voted in the affirmative and 83 in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Subsequently, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

Emergency Measure

An Act to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Commission to Implement the Computerization of Criminal History Record Information (S.P. 179) (L.D. 336) (S. "A" S-119 to C. "A" S-101)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 126 voted in favor of the same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.