

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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An Act relating to Certain Guaranteed Loans by Savings Banks (S. P. 390) (L. D. 1023)

An Act relating to Driving Motor Vehicles so as not to Startle Animals Being Ridden or Driven Upon or Near a Public Way (S. P. 593) (L. D. 1566)

An Act relating to Reimbursement for Driver Education and Special Education (H. P. 310) (L. D. 444)

An Act Providing for Assistant Superintendent at Stevens Training Center (H. P. 423) (L. D. 587)

An Act Changing Name of the Stevens Training Center to Stevens School (H. P. 424) (L. D. 588)

An Act Appropriating Funds to Expand Homemaker Services in the Department of Health and Welfare (H. P. 440) (L. D. 615)

An Act relating to Incorporation of Maine World Trade Council (H. P. 547) (L. D. 779)

An Act Appropriating Funds to Expand Services for Eye Care and Special Services Division, Department of Health and Welfare (H. P. 687) (L. D. 982)

An Act to Provide for Trade and Industrial Teacher Education Service at Gorham State College (H. P. 785) (L. D. 1147)

An Act relating to Reregistration of Motor Vehicles of Maine Residents Purchased in Foreign Countries or Out of State (H. P. 818) (L. D. 1194)

An Act relating to Law Clerks for the Judiciary (H. P. 929) (L. D. 1345)

An Act Authorizing Additional Staff Within Eye Care and Special Services Division, Department of Health and Welfare. (H. P. 931) (L. D. 1347)

An Act relating to Insurance Company Examination Reports (H. P. 1104) (L. D. 1570)

Finally Passed

Resolve to Provide Funds for the Purchase of Copies of the Maine Reports (S. P. 330) (L. D. 864)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolve finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act relating to Use of Dealer Registration Plates (H. P. 124) (L. D. 150) (Engrossed in both branches)

Tabled—April 5, by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Drummond of Sidney to indefinitely postpone (Roll call ordered.)

On motion of Mr. Scott of Wilton, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Drummond of Sidney and specially assigned for Friday, April 21.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Revise the Election Laws" (H. P. 1076) (L. D. 1539) (House Amendment "A") (H-100)

Tabled—April 7, by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

Pending—Passage to be engrossed.

Mrs. Boudreau of Portland offered House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 1076, L. D. 1539, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Election Laws."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last underlined paragraph of that part designated "\$1255." of section 17 (same in L. D. 1539) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'In order to be valid, an absentee ballot must be delivered to the Clerk before 3 p.m. on election day.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the last 3 underlined lines of section 21 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The Clerk shall accept all absentee ballots delivered to him before 3 p.m. on election day.'

House Amendment "B" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "A" and "B" and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act relating to Unity Institute" (H. P. 934) (L. D. 1350)

Tabled — April 12, by Mr. Shute of Farmington.

Pending — Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-167)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The general subject matter contained within this amendment has already been before us in bill form, the only difference is that the amendment goes farther than the original bill did. The subject matter of this amendment has not had a public hearing and I feel that it should, if it is to be passed by this body, stand on its own two feet.

I think that this is a severe detriment to the bill which it is proposed to be attached, and for these reasons I now move the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A" under filing H-167.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson, that House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Bourgoïn.

Mr. BOURGOIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope this amendment will not be defeated as both schools are having the same problem on registration and on financing, and during — since yesterday I have received a bunch of telegrams here from Fort Kent people who are very much in favor of the John F. Kennedy Institute being able to call itself a college the same as the Unity Institute, and it will not be a detriment to the bill as it is, because they have the same problem, only thing is that we have a better relation of number of students to professors than the Unity Institute has, and for that reason I would hope the amendment

would not be indefinitely postponed.

Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon requested a vote.

The SPEAKER: A vote has been requested. Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think possibly the explanation to this amendment and this bill this morning is that the amendment was in bill form and was heard by the Committee on Education, and its report was unanimous ought not to pass, that covers the amendment suggested by Mr. Bourgoïn from Fort Kent. The bill, L. D. 1350, was also heard by the Committee on Education and its report was also unanimous ought not to pass, so what should be good for the goose should also be good for the gander as far as the amendment is concerned, so I am hoping you will support the amendment.

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A" will vote yes, those opposed will vote no, and the Chair will open the vote.

A vote of the House was taken. 73 voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limerick, Mr. Carroll.

Mr. CARROLL: Mr. Speaker, I notice that my vote up there originally was not registered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will open the vote again if the gentleman is in question. All those in favor of indefinite postponement will vote yes and those opposed will vote no, and the Chair would advise the House that the Chair has not declared the vote. All those in favor of indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A" will vote yes and those opposed will vote no, and the Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken. 68 having voted in the affirmative and 63 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, I now move that Legislative Document 1350 be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The pending question now is the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, that H. P. 934, L. D. 1350 be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker and Fellow Members of the House: I think that by now you may suspect that I am inclined to be in favor of this bill. We gave it a pretty thorough rehashing here the other day, and I don't think we ought to take much more time on it, but I do hope that you will continue to go along with the bill; I think that it has lots of merit and I do ask for your support. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have for three days talked with my neighbor, the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi, concerning this measure. We have a like bill in our own area, not sponsored by me but one of my colleagues in Lewiston, and I put an amendment on the bill calling for annual audits as reported to the Secretary of State's office, and I would hope that the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi, would table his bill so that this amendment could be put on, otherwise I would be forced to vote against the measure.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is true that my seatmate, the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, has mentioned this issue of audit and I personally didn't want to raise the issue of whether or not the school's books should be audited. I have told the gentleman from Lewiston in every encounter that we have no objections whatsoever.

I have talked with our Treasurer, he has no objections to an audit, and I would be happy to have the amendment on the bill. It is something that we have no objection to at all, we have nothing to hide on this, and if someone would please move to table it, why I would have the amendment placed on it. Thank you.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska to indefinitely postpone the bill and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 18.

The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act relating to Protecting Source of Public Water Supply" (S. P. 435) (L. D. 1154) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-56))

Tabled—April 13, by Mr. Hanson of Solon.

Pending—Passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Solon, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker and Fellow Members of the House: I have checked this L. D. out with the sponsor and with the Maine Municipal Association. I have a report from them that they are at this time satisfied that the bill can proceed. I withdraw any objection. Thank you.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act relating to Quality of Inspection Stickers for Motor Vehicles (H. P. 1102) (L. D. 1569)

Tabled—April 13, by Mr. Pendergast of Kennebunkport.

Pending—Passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Enfield, the House voted to suspend