

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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that the rules be suspended for the purpose of two readings without assignment to a committee. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. SIMPSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I hope that you all realize that county tax must be assessed during the month of April to the month of March to the municipalities. The County Government Committee is in no position right now to report out the county taxes or assess the taxes to the municipalities. Therefore, we need this emergency legislation to go completely through this body today, which would extend this date to May and have it retroactive to March 31, in order that the municipalities can assess their taxes on April 1 by the laws of the state.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and gentlemen of the House: I agree with the remarks of the gentleman, Mr. Simpson, that we have to do this today. It is one of these things which some of us overlooked and they thought that it could simply be done without simply enacting it today. The law very simply says that it is to be done by April 1. The county government has been waiting for an IRS decision on whether or not raises could be given in excess of 5.5; that is still in the process of being arrived at as to whether or not it affects the county and they are awaiting that before they can reach a decision. And in order for us to make sure that we do not get into a constitutional crisis with the municipalities in the counties, we have to enact this before we leave today.

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, under suspension of the rules, House Paper 1333, Bill "An Act Relating to Apportionment of County Tax" was introduced, given its two several readings without reference to any committee, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith.

## Consent Calendar

### First Day

(H. P. 38) (L. D. 45) Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement of Forest Rangers in the Forestry Department" (Emergency) — Committee on Veterans and Retirement reporting "Ought to pass"

No objection having been noted, was assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

### Tabled and Assigned

(H. P. 274) (L. D. 380) Bill "An Act Relating to Control of Outdoor Advertising" (Emergency) Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" H-147.

(On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 3.)

(H. P. 354) (L. D. 469) Bill "An Act Relating to Liquor Licensee Records" — Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought to pass"

No objection having been noted, was assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

(S. P. 206) (L. D. 556) Bill "An Act to Revise the Election Laws" — Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought to pass" in New Draft (S. P. 493) (L. D. 1535)

On the request of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In order to expedite things and try to save a bit of time, I hope nobody tables this bill. This is the election laws omnibus bill. It consists of 12 pages and it is most important. Already one Senate Amendment has been adopted. But we cannot present others until the second reading or the second consent calendar. This will be on Monday. You have a whole weekend to review and those who are interested should pick up individual copies of L. D. 1535 from the document clerk.

The whole future of the Election Laws Committee depends mostly upon the enactment of this bill. Many individual documents were incorporated into it. As soon as this is passed to everyone's satisfaction, if such a thing is possible, we will immediately report the others out Leave to Withdraw as Covered by Other Legislation.

I move we accept the committee report.

Thereupon, the Report was accepted, the Bill was read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

(H. P. 452) (L. D. 601) Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Replacement of Sea and Shore Enforcement-Research Vessels" — Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 484) (L. D. 628) Bill "An Act Providing Additional Funds for Maine State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission" — Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought to pass"

(S. P. 242) (L. D. 693) Bill "An Act to Exempt Methods of Payment for Laboratory Services Provided to Persons Outside of the State" — Committee on Health and Institutional Services reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-42

(H. P. 579) (L. D. 768) Bill "An Act Relating to Definition of and Licenses of Rectifiers under the Liquor Law" — Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" H-148

(H. P. 798) (L. D. 1051) Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Clubs and Organizations from Food Handling Regulations" — Committee on Health and Institutional Services reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" H-149

(H. P. 828) (L. D. 1087) Bill "An Act Preventing a Lien on Real Estate When Owner has Paid Contractor" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 831) (L. D. 1090) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Relating to Height and Width Restrictions for Motor Vehicles" — Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought

to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" H-150

(H. P. 840) (L. D. 1114) Bill "An Act Permitting Sale of Prepackaged Foods in Taverns" — Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought to pass"

No objection having been noted, were assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

**Consent Calendar  
Second Day**

(H. P. 187) (L. D. 228) Bill "An Act Extending Open Season on Bear" (C "A" H-137)

(H. P. 191) (L. D. 230) Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting Bear with Dogs" (C "A" H-138)

(H. P. 509) (L. D. 674) Bill "An Act Relating to Community Based Services for the Mentally Retarded"

(H. P. 529) (L. D. 711) Resolve Providing for a Feasibility Study of Marine Resources Development in Washington County (C "A" H-139)

(H. P. 631) (L. D. 845) Bill "An Act Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to Make Planning Grants to Municipalities for Solid Waste Disposal"

(H. P. 708) (L. D. 913) Bill "An Act Relating to the Marking of Egg-bearing Lobsters" (C "A" H-140)

(H. P. 715) (L. D. 921) Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Waters of Kezar Lake by Westways Maintenance Corporation"

(S. P. 308) (L. D. 970) Bill "An Act Relating to Payments to Hospitals"

(S. P. 345) (L. D. 1044) Bill "An Act Pertaining to Unlicensed Dogs" (Later Reconsidered)

(H. P. 895) (L. D. 1182) Bill "An Act Relating to Size of Voting Places"

(H. P. 973) (L. D. 1280) Bill "An Act Relating to Voting Checklists as Public Records"

(S. P. 411) (L. D. 1256) Resolve Enabling Certain Conveyances by Governor and Council to Safeguard the Mortgage Insurance Fund of the Maine Industrial Building Authority" (Emergency)

(S. P. 426) (L. D. 1286) Resolve Providing Funds for Abilities and Goodwill, Inc.