

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

One Hundred and Sixth

Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1973

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

ambiguity that's in it, it says something like this: That no persons, firm or corporation shall erect or maintain any legible, legible advertisement that can be seen from any portion of the interstate system, including ramps and interchange areas or any portion of the primary system or any portion of a scenic highway and so forth.

My only thought is that as I take a look at this, who is going to determine what's legible, what is not? As I come into Augusta and as I start up onto the ramp and I take a look over to that shopping center and I see Zayres or I see the Holiday Inn or I see the other signs over there, to me those are legible and I just seriously question whether we would like to take and put this type of amendment on the books.

I could certainly support a distance factor, but when I take a look at this, I think it's really ridiculous.

Mr. Rolde of York was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ROLDE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would just add one clarifying statement to what the gentleman from Standish has said. This bill would not, and this amendment too, would not apply to on-premise signs. So they would not apply to the situation he has described.

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

House Order relative to House Rule 49-A.

Tabled — March 29, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Passage.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, retabled pending passage and specially assigned for Thursday, April 5.

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

Bill "An Act to Create the Maine Coastal Development Corporation as a Body Corporate and Politic" (H. P. 1267)

Tabled — March 29, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Reference.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Revise the Election Laws" (S. P. 493) (L. D. 1535)

Tabled April 2 by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to present Senate Amendment "A" under filing S-47, move its adoption and request that the Page give the amendment to the Clerk. And while he is doing this, let me explain the new procedure in amendments. Formerly we just had them signed and had them distributed to the members of the House and had the Clerk keep the originals. This was very confusing for her. Now you will sign the original, have it reproduced and distributed, but get back the original and present it in person, through the Page, to the Clerk.

Whereupon Senate Amendment "A" (S-47) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary question.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may pose his question.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Bath can't introduce a Senate Amendment.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, may I answer that question?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ROSS: This amendment was adopted by the Senate, but we never did adopt it, and parliamentarily we have to adopt an amendment. This was unusual.

I doubt if Mr. Martin is too upset when I finish.

This Amendment increases the residency requirements from 30 to 45 days. It must be presented, since it has been adopted in the other body. However, if we adopted it here, it would cause a great many problems.

The Supreme Court would allow 45 days for persons changing their residency within the state, but they would not allow more than 30 days if they came into the state from without. We have a bill on 30 days for both within and without. That is awaiting a court decision. I really believe that although I presented the amendment and offered that we adopt it for parliamentary reasons, that it would be in order if somebody would now indefinitely postpone it.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

MR. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In agreement with the comments that are made by the gentleman from Bath, the fact that this question is under consideration by the Maine Supreme Court at the present time, I would move the indefinite postponement of this amendment.

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

MR. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am going along but I do not know, Mr. Speaker. You might be able to join me. I would like to have the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, tell me how he knows how the court is going to go one way or another. I am friendly somewhere along the line with some members of the court, and I think its a little difficult to find out how they are going to go. But he has got the secret key. He doesn't have to answer me now but I would like to have him tell me later on.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Bustin.

MR. BUSTIN: Mr. Speaker, I would pose a question through the Chair to either the gentleman from

Bath or the gentleman from East Millinocket. Will the effect of indefinite postponement be to put the bill back as it was originally printed with the 30 day requirement?

THE SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Bustin, poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer.

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

MR. ROSS: It will put the bill back the way it originally was and there may be others who want to offer other amendments to this section, I don't know.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Brawn of Oakland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-156) was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Thursday, April 5.

Mrs. Murchison of Mattawamkeag presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Bion Tolman and Roberta Stratton of Mattawamkeag be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

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

Bill "An Act to Designate One Dollar of Income Tax Refunds to Political Parties" (H. P. 321) (L. D. 439)

Tabled — April 2, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Acceptance of either Report.

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

MR. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Before the Election Laws Committee this year, there were two bills pertaining to the one dollar checkoff for use by both political party candidates. The