

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Very briefly. I personally happen to believe that if we have an opportunity to give some people the right to vote, there is no reason why we can't. It is permissive. I think certainly if we want to do all we can in raising that 60 percent up to 65 percent that the gentleman from Hampden is concerned about, I would certainly hope that you would vote against his motion to indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Farnham, that L. D. 929 be indefinitely postponed. All in favor of indefinite postponement will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

35 having voted in the affirmative and 75 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

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

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

House Order relative to House Rule 49-A.

Tabled — April 5, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, pursuant to House Rule 54.

Pending — Passage.

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

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

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

Tabled — April 5, by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Ross of Bath to adopt House Amendment "B" (H-162)

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The redrafted Omnibus Bill allowed voting on election day on special elections only. The regular election section was left out by mistake. I presented House Amendment "B" to straighten this out. However, I found out that I went a little too far. I set up uniform hours of registration and uniform days for not being in business.

There is an amendment in the other branch that keeps the closed days the same as they are now but still allows voting on election day, and I think that is better. I am having prepared an amendment which will still let the municipal officers decide the hours of registration rather than conform to a statewide situation, and that is because the needs for keeping the office hours vary from town to town. Consequently, I now withdraw House Amendment "B".

Thereupon, House Amendment "B" was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 11.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned:

Bill "An Act Excluding Log Rafts from Carrying Life Preservers" (H. P. 1200) (L. D. 1539)

Pending — Acceptance of either Report.

On motion of Mr. Snowe of Auburn, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 11.

#### (Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.