

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(H. P. 630) (L. D. 844) Bill "An Act to Amend the Minimum Lot Size Law" — Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-379)

(H. P. 1408) (L. D. 1848) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Investment by Savings Banks in Real Estate for Purpose of Historic Preservation" — Committee on Business Legislation 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. 751) (L. D. 965) (C. "A" H-374) Bill "An Act Relating to Exceptional Children"

(S. P. 523) (L. D. 1654) Bill "An Act to Grant Comex, Inc. Certain Rights Within the State of Maine"

No objection having been noted, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Second Reader Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act to Revise the Election Laws" (S. P. 613) (L. D. 1916)

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

Mr. Ross of Bath offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-377) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This refers to the municipalities which choose to have their absentees counted at one place under the jurisdiction of the clerk.

On page 11 in section 6 of the bill, this explains exactly how it will work. Basically, it is the same as it works now in the wards. The ballot clerk or counter for each ward will take the incoming check-lists to the central counting place. The redraft states that the people must be named prior to the election, but it does not say who will name them. This amendment says that the clerk will name them.

The bill also says that they will be evenly divided as to political parties. Now that would be all right if you had an even number of wards. If you had eight wards you would have four from each party, but if you have an uneven number, the amendment also says that evenly divided as possible between the political parties.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have an amendment that is being prepared. It touches on this and I, frankly, just got the amendment and it hasn't been reproduced. I was wondering if this item could be set aside until later in the day.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending the adoption of House Amendment "A" and later today assigned.

Second Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Relating to Comparative Negligence in Civil Cases" (S. P. 342) (L. D. 1041)

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

(On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.)

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act to Replace Lump Sum Financing of State Employees Retirement with Percentage Financing Based upon Payrolls Paid. (H. P. 216) (L. D. 289)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 113 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Repealing Certain Definition of Timber and Grass Relating