

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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areas of the present law and eventually committed suicide by hanging himself in the York County Jail in Alfred.

Yesterday, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Talbot, distributed to you a copy of a newspaper clipping pertaining to another young man from Gorham who hanged himself in the county jail. My constituent did so one week later. So I am talking about a different person than the one we discussed yesterday.

I have discussed this amendment with both the Senate and House Chairmen of the Health Committee and the sponsor of the bill, Senator Speers. None expressed opposition to it. The hospital administration is also in favor of broadening the present 72-hour law. Ladies and Gentlemen, I hope you accept this amendment and the bill, because I feel both will do much to prevent future tragedies such as happened to my constituent.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Establishing a Commission on Maine's Future" (H. P. 1984) (L. D. 2528)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Orders Out of Order

Mr. Theriault of Rumford presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Jess Tapley and Diane Harding of Rumford be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

Mr. Curtis of Orono presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Linda C. Rice and Marshall E. Smith of Orono and Cindi M. Cook of Veazie be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

Second Reader

Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act Relating to Elections to the House of Representatives" (H. P. 1985) (L. D. 2530)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. McKernan.

Mr. McKERNAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am having an amendment prepared to this bill which apparently hasn't been distributed yet, and I would like to have this tabled until later in today's session if I could, please.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and later today assigned.

Order Out of Order

Mrs. McCormick of Union presented the following Order and moved its passage;

ORDERED, that Louis Jalbert of Lewiston be excused for the duration of his illness.

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

Orders of the Day

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

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Single Member Districts in the House of Representatives; to Provide for Reduction of the Number of Representatives to One Hundred Thirty-two, and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives before the General Election of 1976; to Provide for Further Reduction of the Number of Representatives to Ninety-nine, and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives and the Senate before the General Election of 1984; to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature and to Limit the Matters which may be Considered in the Second Regular Session; to Establish an Apportionment Commission to Plan for all Reapportionments of the House of Representatives and Senate; to Abolish the Executive Council and Reassign Certain Constitutional Powers to a